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BL is in no shape to stand such neavy losses. Last month Sir Michael revealed that only emergency cuthacks in production necessitating thousands of layoffs had averted a serious cash crisis.
It is undoubtedly "the make

or break" nature of the situa-tion facing the company which has encouraged him to make such a potentially dangerous

As one of his senior col-leagues said: "He had no alternative. He could not stand by and see the company bleed to death, with its factories shut, no cars reaching the dealers and the work of two and a half years thrown down the drain. He had to make some move, no matter how desparate, to try to avert that."

Sir Michael has wasted little off which are not wasted in the time in taking up the transport union's gaugilet. He returned from a visit to South Africa only two days ago.

The "work or be sacked" these two contained in a letter

threat was contained in a letter which appeared on notice boards at all 36 car plants. It appeared under the signature of Mr Ray Horrocks, managing director of BL Cars, but clearly carried the full authority of the chairman and the seven-man BL main board, which met at Long-bridge yesterday for its monthly

some employees are threaten-ing to stop all production in BL Cars. Many thousands of hourly paid employees who wish to continue working normally have already been laid off because of the actions of less than 20 per cent of BL Cars employees.

you should know how serious

the situation is.
"We are in no shape to cover intact from this or any other strike. At the very hest it means that some plants may never reopen. Even those who appear to be secure may have Safe places in the group."
This latter warning is direc-

ted at transport union members employed at Land-Rover, Soli-hull; Jaguar, Coventry; and Sherpa vans, Birmingham. They were the first to take strike action, apparently in the belief that because they were producing vehicles against long order books their jobs were not in danger.
The statement continued:

Prime Minister-designate, said today that the amalgemation of the Rhodesian security forces with the Zanla and Zipra "This fact has been recognized by a number of unions who are supporting the company by urging their members to work normally. In contrast the TGWU in particular seems prepared to take BL Cars to the very brink and beyond without regard to the frightening effect this will have on many thousands of jobs. many thousands of jobs.

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"Those employees on strike threaten the jobs of everyone employed in BL Cars. We therefore have to say that unless those hourly paid employees on strike return to work by Wednesday, April 23 their employment will be regarded as terminated.

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This would mean they will get back pay or bonuses will not qualify for termination or redundancy payments of any kind.

Union threat: Mr Brian Mathers, TGWU Midlands secre-tary, said last night: "If the management carry out their threat we will use all the might d transport union "We cannot allow the jobs of our union to protect the ing to cross the pic- of those of you who are willing imerest of our members" (the is only a matter of to work to be put at risk by Press Association reports).

'Make or break' for UK missile project

By Peter Hennessy The Soviet Union is about to dismantle half of its anti-ballistic-missile system around Moscow just as a £1,000m Ministry of Defence project, code-mamed "Chevaline", de-signed to enable British Polaris missiles to penetrate it, is nearing completion.

Western military intelligence analyists are convinced, how-ever, that the Soviet Union is likely to replace all 64 of its anti-ballistic-missile launchers with something equally effec-

tive if not better.

The Ministry of Defence in London will not confirm or deny that the Soviet missiles are being dismantled, as the British Government is not a member of the Standing Con-sultative Commission, the Soviet-American group estab-lished to monitor the Anti-ballistic-missile treaty of 1972. It was to the commission that the Russian delegation an-nounced its intention of taking down 32 missile sites last

A ministry official said vesterday: "We know that the Soviets are continuing with substantial research and development on anti-ballistic missiles, but we cannot give missiles, but we cannot give details or make public predictions. The statement in the defence White Paper about 'Chevaline' being 'designed to respond to Soviet anti-ballistic-missile capabilities, which we know are being improved', remains the position."

Dr Lawrence Friedman, head

Dr Lawrence Friedman, head of policy studies at the Royal

Institute International London and the author of a book on the British Polaris submarine squadron and its likely successor, to be published in the autumn, con-firmed yesterday that he knew from his sources that reports of the Soviet Union informing the United States of the dismantling of 32 of its 64 antiballistic-missile launchers were

He suggested that defence analysis in Washington and London were still uncertain about the exact meaning of the

"It is make or break for 'Chevaline'. Either it is a rather cruel farce, in that as soon as this expensive programme comes into service the Russians remove its raison d'être. Or, on the other hand, if this development means the construction of a new and im-proved Soviet anti-ballistic-missile system, then the expen-diture on 'Chevaline' is even more justified, provided one be-lieves it is necessary for the

British force to attack
Moscow, he said.
Details of "Chevaline" were
given by Mr Francis Pym,
Secretary of State for Defence,
in a Commons debate on nuclear weapons on January 24. He described it as "a very major and complex develop-ment of the missile front end, involving also changes to the fire-control system . . . it includes advanced penetration aids and the ability to manoeuvre the payload in manoeuvre

The average earnings index

This drop was just a statis-tical freak however. It was caused by unusually high pay packets in February 1979 and low pay figures this year because of the steel strike.

rises of early 1975. Sir Geoffrey How, QC, Chancellor of the Exchequer, gave a warning yesterday that excessions.

e slowdown in inflation. He said that a "permanent change in attitudes is urgently needed" if inflation is to be brought down. In a speech to

National Committee, he blamed unacceptably high pay settle-ments and rising commodity prices for contruing inflation, which is expected to go above

The rising pay round poses a big problem for the Government's policies which aim to bring down inflation. Ministers have recognized that tight control of the money supply can only slow down inflation if the rate of increases in wages falls. It is resolutely refusing to do this in spite of

government calculations on public spending. Figures for the level of

unified, there was always a danger of conflict between them.

He said that unless the forces were

Asked how quickly he intended to introduce policy changes, Mr Mugabe said: "Results will be seen in the next few months." However, he gave the impression that he would continue to move with the same degree of caution and moderation which he has shown

since winning the election.

Other priorities he listed were the resettlemet of reguees who had been displaced by the war and the rehabili-tation of the country's education and

health services.

The arrival of the Prince of Wales

in Salisbury today set the stage for the final transfer of power in Rhodesia. The Prince will represent the Queen at tomorrow's midnight independence ceremony when he will formally hand

ceremony when he will formally hand over the reins of ower to Mr Mugale.

The Prince, wearing a white naval officer's uniform and the blue sash of the Order of the Garter, arrived at 11.30 am in an RAF VC10. Groups of spectators waved Union Jacks and cheered as he stepped off the air-

The Prince was greeted by Lord Soames, the Governor, the Rev Canaan Banana, the President-elect, and Mr

The Prince of Wales meeting Mr Robert Mugabe on his arrival in Zimbabwe. Behind are Lord Soames, the Governor, and the new Cabinet. of honour provided by black and white members of the Rhodesian Air Force, while musical accompaniment was pro-vided by the all-black British South African Police Band. A 21 gun salure 25,500 neg.

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Both the Prince and Mr Mugabe were in a jocular mood. Mr Mugabe introduced Mr Enos Nkaia as the "minister of no-finance". "Is there any money in the bank", asked Prince Charles. "We are relying on Lord Soames for that", replied Mr Nkaia.

Later the Prince drove through the centre of Salisbury

Wage settlements are running at more than 20% and still rising

Wages are rising at an underwages are rising at an under-lying rate of more than 20 per-cent a year and the pace is still accelerating. Government officials at the Department of Employment see no sign of an early end to the spiral which is purrise increasing pressure on putting increasing pressure on prices and the finances of Britain's companies.

A united army

for Zimbabwe

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Salisbury, April 16 Mr Robert Mugahe, Zimbabwe's

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rose by just over 21 per cent in February, but the increase on the same month a year ago fell from 20.1 per cent in January to 18.6 per cent.

Taken together, these prob-ably depressed the index by about 14 per cent, so the true rate of increase is just over

February was the fifth month in a row when the underlying of increase in earnings rose. Pay is now going up faster than at any time since January 1976, when the figures

sive pay settlements would lead to higher employment and delay

Conservative

21 per cent this summer.

refusing to do this in spite of a steady rise in unemployment.

Workers in the private sector show no sign of settling anywhere near the 10 per cent range which would be implied by a reading of the Government's money supply targets, or at the 14 per cent level which has formed the basis of sovernment calculations on

settlements up to March put those at around 18 per cent for the private sector and 14 per cent for the public sector. The private sector increase is considerably higher than that which the Confederation of British Industry has suggested

on the basis of its data bank. The public sector level for settlements during the current pay round is thought to be 14 per cent, but this geratly understates the actual increase which most public sector workers are

receiving.
This is because it does not speech to take account of the pay in-Women's creases which have gone

through during the year as a By Geraldine Norman result of agreements reached under Clegg comparability A painting of

The pay bill of central government is expected to rise by 25 per cent in this financal year compared to the financial year just ended, while for the public sector as a whole the increase will be 23 per cent.

Because the Civil Service has been instructed to lose 21 per cent of its suffit the implication.

cent of its staff, the implication would seem to be that Civil Service wages will be more than per cent higher.

The round of pay increases is just about keeping pace with inflation over the past year, but in recent months it is pay which has been making the running. There have thus been substantial increases in real living standards, which have clearly postponed the onset of what is

In the long run, however, it is likely that the conflict be-tween these large pay rises and will lead to dramatic rises in

unemployment. Companies have found it im-possible to pass on all the cost increases which they have faced, which means that their liquidity has been increasingly squeezed. This will force them to cut back their activities in the months shead.

Other ministers are likely to join the Chancellor in emphasizing that only a reduction in ing that only a reduction in Brussels Museum, twice the pay rises will prevent a rise in unemployment. Table, page 21 gested that the "Crucifixion"

Painting sold to US museum for £1.7m

A painting of "The Resurrection" by the fifteenth-century Flemish artist Dieric Bouts was sold for £1.7m at Sotheby's yesterday, the second highest price ever paid for a work of art at auction. It is exceeded only by the £2.3m paid for Velasquez's portrait of "Juan de Pareja" at Christie's in 1970.

The painting was bought by the Norton Simon Museum, of Pasadena, California, with the London National Gallery as the under-bidder. Had the National Gallery been successful, the painting would have been the most expensive it had bought, the trustees having decided to

thing."

The special interest of the National Gallery stems from its already owning a painting by the same hand, probably from the same alterpiece. Both paint ings are oddines in that they have been painted in tempera on finely woven flex, rather then oil on panel which was conventional at the time. The National Gallery "En-

tombment" is the same size as the "Resurrection"; there is also a "Crucifixion" in the

formed the centre of an altar-piece, with the "Resurrection" and "Entombment" to one side and two further paintings on

Charles Eastlake, the great nineteenth-century director of the National Gallery, who bought the "Entombment" from the Guicciardi family of Milan, recorded that there were other paintings by Bouts in the Guiciardi collection.

The two missing pairings from the alterpiece could be found unconsidered in some private collection. The "Resurrection", lost for a century and a half, came to Sotheby's from a Continental European family who did not boast an art collection. Mr Norton Simon, the pur-chaser, is a millionaire collector who made his fortune in food

gallery's annual purchase grant to the picture.

Mr Michael Levey, the director, said: "It was our Waterloo, and we lost. We were rather to the picture of t erb art collection. The museum's

David Bull, and Mr Simon's wife the actress Jennifer Jones attended yesterday's sale and carried the bidding up to about £1.2m. At that stage they apparetly met the agreed limit. However, Mr Simon was also listen-ing to the sale ove rthe telephone from Los Angeles and took up the bidding from

He was obviously in doubt about how far to go, for the bids came besitantly after long he knew against who he was bid-

Palestine talks given new urgency

Washington, April 16
After two days of talks with
Mr Menachem Begin, the
Israeli Prime Minister, President Carter announced today
that Israel and Egypt had
arreed to immediate intensive agreed to immediate intensive high-level negotiations to try to resolve by the end of the month the delicate question of Palestinian autonomy in the occupied territories.

Speaking at a farewell cere-mony for Mr Begin, Mr Carter said he believed the Israelis

vesterday and today as "very constructive and very productive" and said that "good pro-gress" had been made. His remarks were echoed by Mr Begin at the farewell ceremony as well as at a press conference later. "He made real progress and all of us will do our utmost to install full autonomy in Judea and Samaria (the West Bank and Gaza) . . . and to ensure Israel's security ",

Mr Begin told Mr Carter.
At his press conference, Mr
Begin said that President Sadat said he believed the Israelis and Egyptians would now make a "very concerted effort" to accepted his suggestion that the reach agreement on the question of self-rule for the West should be held alternately in Bank and the Gaza Strip by the Original target date of May 26.

The President described his location should be Washington, as President Sadat and wanted,

Cabinet-level negotiators by keeping them away from their capital for too long. It appears that President Carter was in touch with Mr Sadat after his first round of

Mr Begin also said that Israel would "rejoice" if a

It was not clear how much real progress had been made during Mr Begin's deliberations Neither the White House nor the Israeli Prime Minister was willing to disclose many details.

talks with Mr Begin yesterday.

final agreement on Palestinian autonomy could be reached by May 26. Nevertheless, he suid, he did not consider the date to be a deadline and if it was not met the Israelis would want the negotiations to continue.

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port on the benefits and pittalls

Books, page 10 Michael Ratcliffe discusses

Moscow denies military threat to Iran

e Carman, QC, for Federation and the nal officers, told the they would like to Pravda hastened to deny the American claim that Soviet military forces were being built up along the frontier with Iran. Major-General Shadmehr, the Iranian joint chief of staff, confirmed that there had been a concentration of Russian troops in the area but he thought there was no danger of an invasion. Iran's leaders are considering postponing the parliamentary

Six big Indian banks are nationalized

ew Rankin, QC, for 1, said that the is of the examina-Mrs Gaudhi, before leaving for Zimbabwe, surprised India's financial Zimbabwe, surprised India's financial community by a decision to nationalize six large Indian banks. This brings the number of large banks in the public sector to 20, representing 90 percent of the country's banking. Mr Mukherji, the Minister of Commerce, has given an assurance that there is no has given an assurance that there is no plan to nationalize the 12 foreign-owned banks operating in India Page 9

Press dispute may spread, union says

Industrial action in the increasingly biner pay dispute affecting provincial newspapers and the general printing industry could spread to national newspapers, the National Graphical Associadispute, said. It forecast tougher action the employers

Teachers sceptical The two largest teachers' unions reacted

with scepticism to local authority claims that they cannot afford to meet both the recommended Clegg award and the April, 1980, pay demand. The councils have said that while they can meet. the Clegg increase, they will resist paying anything like 20 per cent for the teachers' annual pay settlement Page 2 Japan's 6-hour strike

Japan's railways and buses are func-tioning normally again after trade union

leaders and transport managers reached

agreement and averted a three-day

strike. There was a six-hour stoppage

affecting the morning rush hour, but

most people were prepared for dis-ruption and everything was back to normal by lunchtime Page 9

'Defects in law' shown by trial

A report by the Runnymede Trust on the trials of the 342 people charged after the demonstration against the strongly criticizes the law on public order and police procedures as being deficient. Ic alleges "arbitrariness" in the selection of charges and of dropping charges during hearings to stop cases eing tried by juries Steel dispute: Threat of private sector

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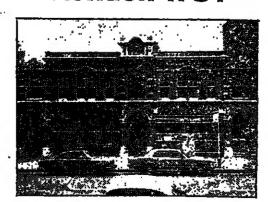
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a verdict of justifide and said that the n to the jury were illing, misadventure, natural causes, and rdict. He described re as "an unlookedared on page 2; col 5

to national press if employers call a lockout, union leader says

By David Felton Labour Reporter

Industrial action in the increasingly bitter pay dispute affecting provincial newspapers and the general printing industry could be spread to national newspapers, the union at the centre of the dispute said last

The National Graphical Assoat an emergency today to take a much tougher stance against its action, including the possibility of what it called "a

out the union would respond by taking further action, including the closure of a number weekly pay of 575 and a 371of general printing firms. One hour working week from July, large group might not reopen, 1982, in return for wide-ranghe said. The union refused to improve

named the group.
"It could also lead to an extension of the dispute to Fleet a week and wants a more rapid Street. In addition, every pro- move to the introduction of a vincial daily newspaper would 35-bour week.

was deferred last night when

steel union leaders agreed to hold further talks with employ-

The Iron and Steel Trades

Confederation (ISTC) had been

pressed by local union delegates to call an official strike of

4.000 members covered by Mid-

lands Wages Courd negotiations

after rejection of a 17 per cent

executive decided to take part

in fresh talks, attended by Mr. William Sirs, the ISTC general

secretary, in an attempt to im-

prove the offer.

Mr Sirs further reminded

the executive resterdey that under the 104-year-old Mid-

lands Wages Board procedure there was machinery for independent arbitration, which

had not yet been used, and that official action might be precipi-

The outcome of the Midlands

regotiations is anxiously awaited by those taking part

in other talks covering the rest

who have already walked out.
To return to work pending the

In its first meeting since the

result of tomorrow's talks.

yesterday the union's

pay and fringe benefits offer. But yesterday the maintain

By Our Labour Staff

Fresh steel talks hold

off strike in Midlands

The threat of a private sec-tor steel strike in the Midlands decided to request divisional

of the 15,000 ISTC members in the private sector.

The ISTC executive also asked members at one of the Midlands companies. Ductile.

MIT Donald Harward, chief administrative officer for the area, said they were "stagared" when they learnt of the plan, which comes into effect

them are already paying more the NGA is claiming", Mr Wade said.

The only conclusion I can reach from this piece of lunacy is that the employers are determined to teach us a lesson and once and for all to try to destroy the bargaining power of ciation is expecting employers our chapels and branches. They are going to be sadly dis-

The union's campaign of sporadic industrial action, which is now in its fourth week, is Mr Joe Wade, general secretary of the NGA, said last night that if there was a lock-out the union would need to be needed to be night that if there was a lock-out the union would need to be needed to tish Printing Industries Federation, have offered a minimum efficiency.

The union is demanding £80

up a list of haulage firms which

crossed picket lines during the

been requests from some haulage firms to exempt them

from any blacking instructions issued by the ISTC, acknow-

ledged that some divisional union officers might decide to

let bygones be bygones and not

request blacking orders. But he gave a warning that

the executive expected the "worst oftenders" to be noti-

"wors: oftenders" to be noti-fied to them, and that recom-

mendations not to load or

unload lorries from those firms

entering steel plants would be

Miners' appeal: South Wales miners have asked Mr Joseph Gormley, president of the National Union of Mineworkers,

to intervene "at the highest

level" to prevent the British

Steel Corporation from using

only imported coal at the Port Talbot stechworkers, (Tim

on May 2. BSC has decided to

use only imported coal at Port

Talbot and only Welsh coal at

Jones writes from Cardiff.

1Tim

Write down everything you need for your new factory project.

Mr Sirs, who said there had

pute, though most if not all of stance by the employers came earlier this week when Bristol United Press suspended publication of three of its papers until the dispute is over and dis-missed 165 NGA members who

had been taking action.

The nation wide action mainly involves last-minute walkouts and mandatory chapel meetings being called at crucial

Mr Wade said the union was financially well placed to with-stand a long dispute. "We already have substantial financial resources. But with 25 per cent of our membership, or 15,000 members, who work unfrom industrial action because their employers have conceded our terms, and 40,000 members who work under other agree-ments paying a 56 g week levy, we shall have more than enough money to continue the fight for as long as the employers have the stomach for it", he said.

TUC may urge no rise in strike pay

By Donald Macintyre Labour Reporter

The TUC is likely to urge unions not to increase dispute pay in response to the Government's plan to deduct the first £12 from social security benefits for strikers' families.

Union leaders are seeking a meeting with Mr Patrick Jen-kin, Secretary of State for Social Services, and Mr James Prior. Secretary of State for Employment, to express their objections to the plan.
The TUC's influential employ-

ment policy and organization committee yesterday decided that guidelines should be drawn up aimed at restraining unions from increasing strike

The committee confirmed carlier decisions not to engage n further detailed discussions with Mr Prior on the Employ-ment Bill and it passed for furwarding to the Government and the Opposition its critique of the amendment intended to curb secondary industrial action. The Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers and the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, which have pressed for a softer line on the Bill's pro posal for government funding of secret union ballots, were not represented at vesterday's

years tentatively proposed by the commission, Mr Nigel Law-son, Financial Secretary to the Treasury told a Commons committee last night. He joked that income tax introduced had been called "temporary", and the remedy would be needed as long as the EEC common agricultural policy remained unchanged.

Political Editor

EEC

Mr Lawson was invited before the Select Committee on European Legislation to explain what was new in the EEC Commission document of which

long enough'

"Temporary and ad hoc" spending in United Kingdom

regions designed to reduce

Britain's net Community budget

deficit would have to last longer than the three to four

Commonsdebat e on March 24. He was characteristically unrepentant. He rejected a sug-gestion by a Labour MP that he had misled the House, and maintained that "some of the press" had given a false and exaggerated account.

He said he was not surprised that on the basis of the head-lines the EEC Commission had reacted the way it did.

The commission suggested there was nothing new in the document he cited, so it and Mr Lawson remain at odds. He maintained it went further and was of "considerable significance" in that if the EEC did

have the political will to decide to spend more in Britain then it "could be fully used in accordance with the principle and criteria set out" by the Taken with proposals to cut by £330m the amount Britain pays into the EEC budget the proposals to increase Com-munity spending in Britain-could, if the council decided to implement them on a scale acceptable to the United King-

dom, contribute to a satisfac-tory solution to its budgetary problem", Mr Lawson said in a memorandum. What that sum was Mr Lawson declined to venture, with the Prime Minister going to the council summit in Luxme-burg on April 27-28 to negot-

tial reduction" in our £1,120m, projected net contribution this But when one MP suggested the total the Government was

looking for was £830m "at least". Mr Lawson did not

Labour members of the committee reminded Mr Lawson that on March 24 he had gone much farther, speaking of towards the solution of our problem.

Time limit on Teachers' unions sceptical about councils' stand on pay issue had been putting aside money Figures released by the De-By Dizna Geddes

spending 'not

Education Correspondent The two largest teachers' unious were strongly sceptical yesterday about local authorities claims that they could not afford to meet in full both the recommended Clegg award and the April, 1980, pay claim for

Mr Terence Casey, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers (NAS/UWT), said that the Government had put an undisclosed sum into the rate support grant to cover the extra costs involved in the comparability pay

"I believe that sum was adequate and that Clegg would have been aware of what the Government had allowed and that the commission would to cover that. But it only have been influenced by that in allowed 13 per cent to cover making its recommendations. Governments work like that

Mr Fred Jarvis, general sec-retary of the National Union of Teachers, said that local authorities had known for months about the impending Clegg award for teachers and

for that.
The local authorities had proposed going to the Clegg com-mission last summer because they said that was the only way they could get rate support the department says that the grant money from the Government, he added.

Local authority leaders told

The local authorities appear

the Government at a meeting on Tuesday that many authorities would have to impose a supplementary rate in October or lay off substantial numbers of staff, including teachers, because the Government had not put enough money into the rate support grant to cover the Clegg and other pay awards.

The Government, in fact, made a fairly accurate assessment of the size of the recom-mended Clegg award for teachers and did put money in the 1980-81 rate support grant the normal annual pay awards

The teachers' 1980 pay claim, payable from April 1, is for an increase in salaries, after the payment of the Clegg award, equal to the annual rise in the index of average earnings. partment of Employment yes-terday show that that index now stands at 13.6 per cent. But that figure is distorted by various complicating factors and

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to be prepared to meet the recommended Clegg award in full, but they will resist strongly paying anything like 20 per cent for the teachers' 1980

NAS-UWI decided yesterad yto stop its squabhling with the NUT and to work together with them to fight the management threats on conditions of service, pay, and jobs. In a letter to Mr Jarvis, Mr differences divided us on tactics last spring (the NAS-UWT wanted to go to arbitra-tion, not to the Clegg commis-

the firm stand taken by your conference and mine last Mr Jarvis welcomed Mr Casey's olive branch, and said it was essential for the unious show maximum unity at this

sion), that must not weaken

Radical s in further of education demande

By Our Education Radical changes pattern of higher were called for yes the Advisory Council and Continuing I whose chairman is D Hoggart, warden (smiths' College, Lon

In its written evider Commons Select Com-Education, Science Arts, the council said principle on access education interprete radically different m as to provide opport tion for those qua motivation, experies ability, irrespective or Records of experachievement in achievement in em voluntary and public adult education and

should be taken into It rejected the flexibility and less re formal entry que would lead to a "lo standards".

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Minister hates us, students say

Students had harsh words to say about Mr Rhodes Boyson, Under-Secretary of State for Education and minister re-sponsible for higher education. at their annual conference in Blackpool yesterday. During a heated debate on

the Government's proposals for student union finance, left-wing delegates accused him of wanting to smash student unious.

The National Union of Students' conference fater passed by a majority of 3-1 a motion which said: "Conference believes that: (1) Rhodes Boyson hates students; (2) That, in the words of John Cooper Clark "If work was any good, the rich'd do it."

To much laughter and

To much laughter and applause, Mr Denny Adam,

from Hatfield Polytechnic, said ment did not modify its pleas that was not a joke motion. He for reform was supported by another Mr Boyson amounted last speaker, who said: "Rhodes December that he wented to

"The Conservative Party had better think again about its attitude to young people and students."

speaker, who said: "Rhodes December that he wanted to Boyson does not hate students, the detests students." A union financing. University majority of the executive voted against the proposition.

Mr Trevor Phillips, the outgoing president, said later: Everything that Mr Boyson has done so far in government would lead one to believe that the wants to put the boot into trudents.

Mr Boyson atmounted last December that he wanted to student which is paid by local authorities and student would lead one to believe that the wants to put the boot into trudents.

From next year the Govern ment proposes to finance university student upions through the normal funding channel, the University Grants Committee. That would mean that students on the question of student would have to put in their hids union finance, members voted for union finance against the favour of "national mass competing demands of say, this mobilization", including dis library or academic departruptive action, if the Government.

Kelly committee chief to see Sir Harold

for mishap, an untoward event, He said that officers were entitled to use reasonable force and if an individual resisted arrest and struggled, "more force must necessarily be used". Unreasonable force would have

meant a verdict of unlawful killing, which would be a serious matter. Mr Lloyd added that no rider could be added to the verdict unless it was in his opinion, designed to prevent a further

The coroner also expressed condolences to the relatives of sary, the committee would take Mr Kelly. He said: "I have the case to the European Court been aware from the time of of Human Rights; Kelly has been a matter of deep grief and distress to the family

and their friends".

Mr Thomas Banks, chairman and their friends".

Mr Thomas Banks, chairman of the action committee, said after the hearing that he did not believe the inquest had fully explored all the facts. There was "no way" in which a man in Mr Kelly's condition could have put up a struggle against police officers.

There were several points of the compared to the public for the extra funds.

The verdict yesterday was returned after a hearing in which about 50 winesses were

There were several points of evidence which he intended to raise with Sir Harold Wilson, the MP for Huyton, during a meeting later this week. He had been in touch with Sir Harold during much of the inquest.

Mr Banks said that Mr Wil-

liam Whitelaw, the Home Sec-retary, had promised that all the evidence available should be made public at the inquest, but sentences.

The last of the witnesses, Mr ments by officers had not been produced, he said. He continued: "When we

started this campaign our aim was a public inquiry. I have always said I had no faith in this inquest. We are still going for a public inquest. We are still going for a public inquest. We are still going for a public inquest. citors on the question of taking civil proceedings against the officers involved. Every channel would be explored, and if neces-

the unexpected length of the inquest has cost the committee between £12,000 and £14,000 in

which about 50 witnesses were subjected to what Mr Lloyd described as "searching and exhaustive" questioning. It began with the disclosure by counsel for the Merseyside

police that Mr Kelly had about 50 previous convictions, most of

for essaulting the police and to stop smoking in the best several short prison fire weeks before his the hearing was a died.

The last of the witnesses, Mr
David Gerty, an assistant chief
constable of the West Midlands
who conducted inquiries into
allegations over Mr Kelly's officers took him out,
death, said that no fresh evi
deach said that

any offence which implied he had caused Mr Kelly's death. There was disagreement-among the three patiblegists who performed post-morten examinations on Mr Kelly-over the presence of shock resulting from his injuries, and of lack of oxygen, and whether these could be regarded as courri-butory causes of death.

Pathologists agreed, however, that Mr Kelly's alcohol level, 331 mg per 100 ml, was nearly lethal, possibly equivalent to a consumption of 18 pinus of beer, or 32 single whiskies. Medical evidence had also shown that he suffered from

augine and emphysems, a lung

officers involved. He suffered a doubter of of the jaw and wifes. Sheffield University, a pathologist and senior police surgeon it said to be misson for South Yorkshire, also said, said they saw officer he still believed that no police him with a clubbing a filter could be thereof with a cyperal of them below.

officer was kick of Mr Kelly Mr Gerty later quest that he did for his investigation to the Director

Mr Gerty said h Mrs Gilbert to be eit Leading articl

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Left try to stop Mr Hayward's visit to China

By Our Political Reporter Left-wing moves to stop Mr Ronald Hayward-general sec-retary of the Labour Party, visiting China are to be made at a party national executive committee meeting next week.

A motion tabled by Mr

Alexander Kitson, the party's hard line deputy chairman, states that the NEC does not believe "it is in the best interests of the Labour Party for the general secretary to pay an official visit at this time The argument, which started off as a financial issue, in that the party had not the resources, is now highly charged with poliis now nichty charged with pou-tics. Mr iktson and his suppor-ters do not believe that the party should be seen to be identifying with China in view of world tensions.

There is no objection to next

month's visit of Mr James Callaghan the Opposition Leader. who was officially invited by the Chinese government. But Mr Callaghan stirred up a hornets' nest when he proposed that Mr Hayard should accompany him.

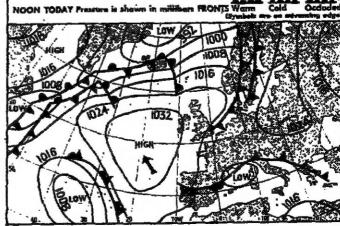
The Opposition Leader's visit is being paid for, but Mr Hayward's air fare would have to come out of party funds Earlier this week the party's international committee said they would refuse to allow it to come from their budget because of the shortage of

Egg is thrown at royal car

A woman, aged 38, was questioned by police yesterday after an egg was thrown at Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's car during a visit to The Queen Mother was not in the car, but was in a shopping centre near by unveil-

ing a plaque to mar!; the city's 200th analyersary. The woman nas released on police bail pending further inquiries.

Weather forecast and recordings



Sun sets: First Quarter : April 22.

First Quarter: April 22.
Lighting up: 8.31 pm to 5.28 am.
High Water: London Bridge.
4.3 am, 7.6m; 4.31 pm, 7.6m.
Avonmouth, 9.51 am, 14.3m, 10.2
pm, 14.0m, Dover, 12.54 am,
7.0m; 1.19 pm, 6.8m, Hull, 8.33
am, 7.7m; 8.47 pm, 7.9m, Liverpool, 1.23 am, 9.8m; 1.42 pm,
10.0m. 1m = 3.2808ft1ft=0.3045m. A ridge of high pressure will huild across N Britain as a weak trough clears from SE areas.

Forecast for 6 am to addnight: London, Central S. SW. NW. Central N England, Midlands, Wales, Lake District: Mainly dry. rather cloudy at times, sunny intervals; wind N. light or moderate; may temp 14" to 16"C 157" to 61"F).

E. S. E. England, East Anglia,

Channel Islands: Sunny intervals, becoming cloudy at times, isolated showers; wind N to NE light, increasing to moderate or fresh: WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud ; f, fair ; r, rain : s, sun.

Isle of Man. Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, S. W. Scotland, Glasgow, N. Ireland: Mainly dry, sunny periods; wind N. backing W. mainly light; max temp 12°C (54°F).

N. E. England: Mainly dry, bright intervals; wind N. backing NW, light or moderate; max temp, 13°C (55°F). Jower near coasts.

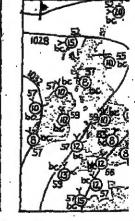
Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll: Mainly dry, sunny intervals; wind W, light; max temp, 11°C (50°F).

NE. NW Scotland: Sunny intervals, cloudy at times, perhaps a little rain later, wind W, light or moderate; max temp 10°C

light or moderate; max temp 10°C Orkney. Shetland : Sunny Inter-Orkney. Shedand: Sunny Intervals, becoming cloudy, rain later; ward SW, light, increasing to fresh: max temp 9°C (48°F).

Outlook for townrow and Saturday: Mostly dry with sunny intervals, but N and W Scotland will be cloudy at times with a little rain. Temp near normal.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind NE, moderate or fresh; sea slight to moderate.



and strong: sea

Irish Sea : Wind NW occasionally fresh; sea Yesterday

London: Temp: max pm, 23°C (73°F): mit 7 am. 12°C (54°F). 7 pm, 48 per cent. R20. 7 pm, nit. Sun. 24 hr 2.7 hr. Bar, meau sea if 1,020.9 millibars, stead? 1,000 millibars = 29.53:

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and police proceof the magistrate." n are made today in published by the Trust on the trials reople charged after tional Front demon-1 Southall, London,

et says the trials are te example of the of the law on pubaccuses police and of "arbitrariness" tion of charges and charges during the avoid those that led to trail by jury.

ern of convictions 233 people who store Earnet magisgly suggests that a le injustice" may done to those who efore the "wrong eport says.

rates among those efore nine different varied from 23 to One magistrate who ences, while four imposed none. t is written by Mr s, a solicitor who ence lawyer for 58

The report contains some what may constitute the crimi-fairly political comment, al-though Mr Lewis said yesterday Many defendants complained he is not a member of any palitical party. In places it lacks detailed statistics to back its uspertions. But it contains strong criticisms of the way those charged were dealt with.

In a foreword Mr Geoffrey Bindman, legal adviser to the Commission for Racial Equality, says the full story of Southall must await the report of the National Council for Civil Liberties, to be published next week, or of a judicial inquiry with subpoena powers "which many continue necessary ".

The report explains how a large number of protesters received criminal convictions while "those against whom they protested, and an unknown number of violent policemen, have so far escaped without prosecution". It has established the need for "an urgent review of the law on public order", of the law on pu Mr Bindman says.

In the report Mr Lewis say, that the three commonest charges brought, assaulting or obstructing the police, be-haviour likely to cause a breach of the peace, and obstructing the highway, are all ill defined and "extremely vague". "There is no clear definition in law of

Many defendants complained of arbitary arrest, believing the ill luck of being at the front of the crowd led to their detention. "Circumstances of this type and the uncertainty of the law lend credence to a fur-

ther complaint of arbitrariness in the selection of charges," Some defendants said con versations between the arresting officer and the station officer suggested uncertainty in the arresting officer as to why the arrest had been made.

Selection of charges did not and there, the report says. Charges were frequently changed as trials proceeded frequently While that is fairly common if the evidence is inappropriate to the charge, or multiple charges are dropped for a pleaof guilty on one count, "the alteration of charges in the Southall cases took place in such a way and on such a scale 's to suggest a distinct and disturbing pattern.

"As the trial progressed, the prosecution adopted a policy of dropping almost all charges which carried the right to elect jury trial, replacing them by charges triable



surrection of Christ", the fifteenth-century painting by Dieric ld for £1,700,000 at Sotheby's yesterday.

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floor under your feet had a life of its own", he said.

The new trains bustle at six minute intervals around 15 stations on the six and a half miles of track beneath central Glasgow. They were pronounced yesterday to be quieter. smoother and more comfortable than those of the old Shuggle. Mr Campbell Douglas, aged 87, remembered his father

taking him on the underground on the day it opened in 1896. Then the trains were cable-hauled and made ingenius use of gravity to increase speed and slow down. The very first train to leave St Enoch station brokedown and the passengers

to leave St Enoch station broke down and the passengers emerged at the next halt walking along the track.

The station building in St Enoch Square is an example of the worst kind of Victoriana, with such a bristle of towers and turrets as to look like a cathedral organ awaiting its cathedral. When the new system was built beneath it the whole building, now an architectural building, now an architectural treasure, was lifted on to a plinth and then replaced. Glasgow underground

to side, up and down, even the second oldest in Britain and the sixth oldest in the world. Practically all signs of its history Street, where a half section of one of the Victorian coaches has been set into the station wall. Escalators and moving walkways have replaced the old steps, automatic machines now at the passenger there is a clean "vendal chal

lenge 1 look to the decor.

The subway closed in 1977
and work began on putting a new heart into the system, while costs climbed from the original estimate of £10.6m. The name was changed and the new underground will act as a rotating hub to the trans-Clyde transport system.

transport system.

Not all the troubles are resolved. Drivers of the 33 trains solved. Drivers of the 33 trains are working to rule because their colleagues, the bus drivers, are paid £6 more. It was that dispute that delayed a delegation from the Japanese National Railways taking a courtesy trip on the eve of the official start. The lapanese lined the platform at Japanese lined the platform at St Enoch admiring a smart new runnel, from which nothing

Revival in fortunes of Lyceum in **Edinburgh** By Marrin Huckerby

The fortunes of the Royal Lyceum Theatre in Edinburgh have undergone such a spectucular revival in the past year that the theatre has handed back part of its grant from the Scot-tish Arts Council and Lothian Regional Council.

Declining audiences at the theatre reached a nadir in 1978-79, with an average of only 28 per cent. Since Leslie Lawton took over as artistic director last summer audiences have more than doubled, with more than 6 60 per cent of the seats

The theatre has increased its box office takings to such an extent that it has not needed all its grant for 1979-80. About 130,000 has been handed back and Mr Lawton said yesterday figure woul dbe higher.

He has built up audiences partly by offering a programme of reasonably popular plays, including Cabaret, Side by Side by Sondheim and The Bed Before Yesterday, but there were also good houses for a new adaptation of Graham Greene's The Power and the

The programme may become more adventurous in future, but he intends to introduce the audience gently to different areas of theatre. He said he was particularly encouraged by the fact that the audience was becoming younger.

While the company has returned part of its grant for 1979-80, Mr Lawton made clear that it might need more in future, because the company is expanding its activities. This year it will stage a summer season for the first time, and it is also starting a big touring programme, there is a strong demand throughout Scotland for good touring productions.

Mr Lawton has combined his administrative work with taking part in many of the productions; next month he takes on the gduelling lead role in Whose Life is it Anyway?

The Scotish Arts Council is delighted by the Lyceum's new success. Mr Anthony Wraight, the council's drama director. said Mr Lawton's achievement in turning round the company was "a tour de force".

Rampton man's rape and murder

A man who raped and then murdered a woman of 68 after being released on a fortnight's trial leave from Rampton mental hospital, Nottingham-shire, was jailed at Lincoln Crown Court yesterday for life.

The court was told that four days after the murder Steven Wilkins, aged 27, killed a petrol attendant at a garage near Glasgow.

He admitted rape, murder and arson, and Mr Justice Milmo told him: "You are a very dangerous person indeed and I shall recommend to the Home Secretary that this sem-ence should be enforced in full

and should mean what it says".

Mr Roy McAulay, QC for the prosecution, said that in 1970 Mr Wilkins was committed to Rampton after being convicted of raping a woman aged 80.

Late in 1978 be was transferred to the Balderton unit of the bospital, near Newark, and early last year was allowed weekend leave, which he spent with his parents in Grimsby.

On June 1 last he was given 14 days leave and on the last day of his leave be visited the woman of 68, who was a distant relative and also lived in

He raped and later strangled her before setting fire to her home in an attempt to cover his tracks. On the same day he left for Scotland and four days later murdered the garage attendant, for which he is serving life imprisonment.

Gems haul now put at £750,000

The value of diamonds stolen from a dealer in Hatton Garden, London, on Tuesday was yesterday put at £750,000. First reports were that the stones were worth at least £500,000. A team of detectives drawn from Scotland Yard's central robbery squad is working on the theft, which took place in the offices of Gemco Diamonds

French and others, tool. It must stop sweeping its basic problems under the rug of capi-

tal infusions from 'Jews in

money it must at least consult

Mr Bronfman, who led a

congress delegation which met President Sadar of Egypt in

with us on the priorities."

New leader for Jewish congress

By Wiliam Frankel

An important shift of emphasis in the World Jewish Congress is likely to result from a private meeting of its executive which took place in London last weekend. Jewish leaders from Israel, North and South America, Europe and Australia redefined the organization's priorities and unanimously elected Mr Edgar Bronfman as acting president.

ant organization of world Jewry.

Mr Philip Klutznick, president of the congress, has been on leave of absence from that rdeen, was caused by ild Collie, professor of gy at Edinburgh Unioffice since his appointment as United States Secretary of Commerce by President Carter last year. Now almost 73 years old, Mr Klutznick, who attended the said yesterday that believed the virus e general community, not affecting most s severely. Older Loudon meeting, is unlikely to as severely. return to the active presidency. and Mr Bronfman's appointment heralds his succession to the leadership of the most importere more susceptible,

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tive of the Seagram Corporation of the United States.

The significance of his electory of the Seagram Corporation Views: "Israel must learn to stop asking the unreasonable of American Jewry (English, tion is that it confirms the French and others, gradual movement of the con-gress towards an alternative position on Israel to that held by the international Zionist exile' and must realize that as movement. long as it is willing to take our

Both the congress and the Both the congress and the World Zionist Organization support Israel, but while Zionists also generally back Israeli government policies, the congress has tended to retain its freedom to criticize specific policies while remaining unwaveringly dedicated to Israel's survival

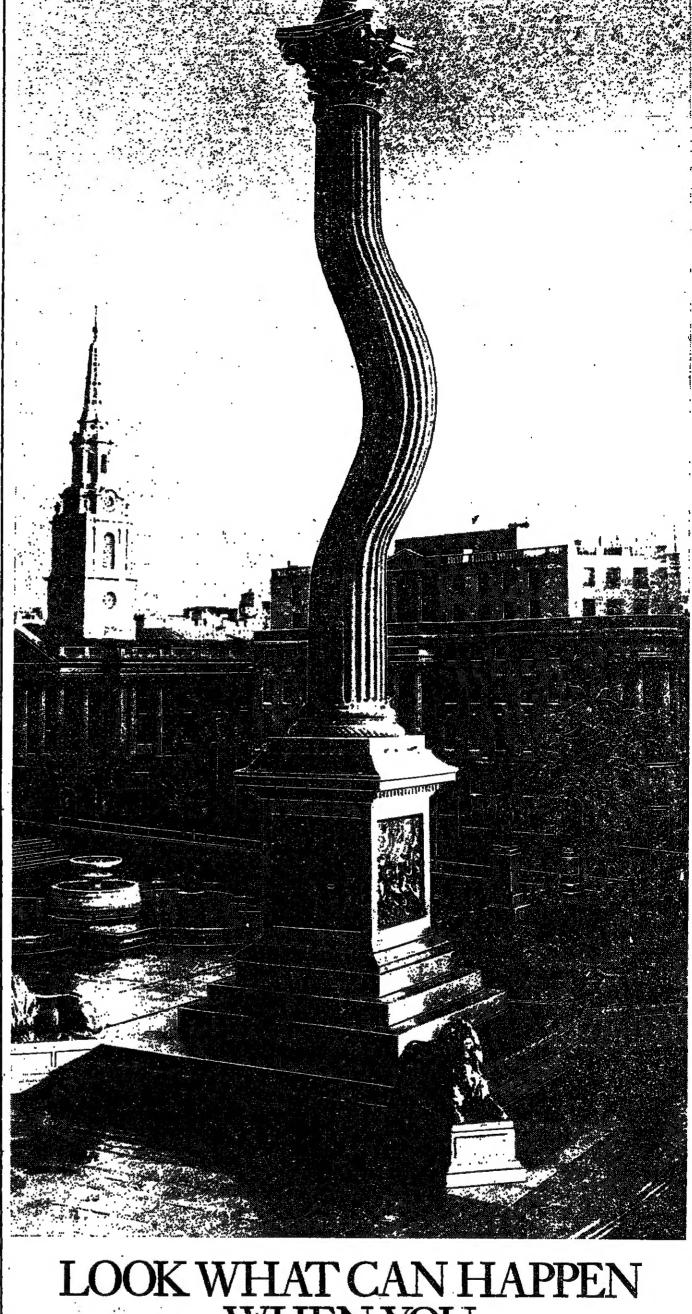
Dr Nahum Goldmann, the veteran founder president of the congress (who was also in London) often incurred the anger of Israeli governments for his independent views.

Mr Bronfman has taken up

an even more forceful position.

Washington last week, is known to hold "doveish" views on Israeli territorial issues. His election is therefore more than a change of personnel, it is a significant step in the process of the organization's redefini-

The executive accepted a report of the priorities committee defining the functions of the congress as primarily political, and apportioned its budget of nt organization of world Jewry. Last month he wrote in the con-Mr Bronfman is chief execu- gress's publication, News and some \$3m essentially to poli-



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Cut staffs to avoid new rate increases, minister tells councils

By Christopher Warman Local Government

Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, yesterday argued that a tighter recruitment policy by local authorities would enable them to avoid further rate increases or staff redundancies.

In an interview on the BBC radio programme, Today, Mr Heseltine rejected the warning delivered by Sir Godfrey Taylor, chairman of the Asso-ciation of Metropolitan Authorities, that supplementary rate demands and large-scale reduction in jobs might be neces-sary because local authorities

were running out of money. Mr Heseltine said: "They could do what central government has been doing, that is, to exercise a very tight control on the number of people each authority recruits."

He had asked local authorities to do that, but there had not been anything like a sufficient response. The number of people employed by local councils was running at an almost record level. "I do not believe

December, 1979, local govern-ment in England and Wales employed 1,724,768 full-time and 936,536 part-time workers, an overall reduction since December. 1978, of 0.3 per cent. was "nowhere no Mr Heseltine has consistently a spokesman said.

Parliamentary Correspondent

British athletes choosing to take part in the Olympic Games

were competing in a tawdry event against second-rate com-

petition, Mr Douglas Hurd,

Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, told

the Commons yesterday.

That position was becoming

increasingly clear as the ride

of boycott began to flow strongly in many sports, Mr Hurd fold MPs. About thirty governments were in favour of

boycotting the gaes and the

number was increasing all the

welcoming the deci-

to take part in the Olympics, Mr Hurd pointed out that

United States swimmers won 13

gold medals at the last games

and that a swimming competi-

tion without American partici-

pation was bound to be second-

Mr John Farr, Conservative

MP for Harborough, urged the

Government to take a more resolute attitude towards those

athletes who still wished to go to Moscow. They should be reminded, he said, that they

could be distinguishing them-

selves by being almost the only

representatives from any free

country in the world to com-

From the Labour front bench

Mr Edward Rowlands said he

felr that attempts by members

of the Government to brand in-

dividual sportsmen as dis-honourable or disloyal were disrasteful and disgusting.

Government had made clear it

was a matter of choice in a

free country whether people went to the Olympics. But the

Mr Hurd retorted that the

pete in the Olympics.

by British yachtsmen not

Westminster

Olympics without US

'second-rate affair'

urged local authorities to make savings by cutting recruitment. He believes that if local governfour vacancies the necessary

savings can be made. At Tuesday's meeting of the consultative council on local government finance, Mr Heseltine emphasized to local leaders what he had said when announcing the rate support grant last November. He had included a realistic amount to cover the cost of comparability payments to teachers and other staff, and concluded: "There will be no more cash "

He said then: "If the figures look like being exceeded, the additional costs will have to be found by the ratepavers or by a lower level of services, or a lower level of people employed in it was made clear on Tues-

day that the situation remained

After the meeting Sir God-frey said local government was facing an "extremely serious financial crisis". The Association of Metropoli-

tan Authorities stated yesterday that there is no room for the ratepayers in some areas could face further rate rises.

Manpower figures published last month showed that at vices, already severely reduced. in line with government policy, might be reduced even more.
The 13 per cent allowed by
Mr Heseltine in the rate support grant to cover inflation
was "nowhere near enough",

> Government had made clear and would continue to make clear its judgment of where

The Government believed it

was stdongly against those in-terests for British athletes to

German regret: Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, told German Olym-pic sportsmen yesterday that conditions were still not right

for them to join the Moscow games (Our Bonn Correspond-

cide on a formal recommenda-

tion to the National Olympic

Committee on Wednesday, and then it would be up to them to

At a reception for two West

German winter Olympics team

and members of the National

Olympic Committee, the Chan-cellor explained that the Gov-

ernment had put the onus for

German participation on the

Soviet Union to create the right

conditions by withdrawing its troops from Afghanistan.

my deepest regret, that those

conditions have still not been created", he said. He asked potential members of the West German teams to consider soli-

darity with American sports-

Herr Willy Daume, president of the Olympic committee, said

the Government's recommenda-tion would weigh heavily when

West German sportsmen are ex-

pected to take part in a demon-

stration against an Olympic boy-

cott in Dortmund next Monday. Public opinion, according to a recent poll, is 87 per cent in

favour of a boycott.

issue was debated on May

Between 60 and 100 leading

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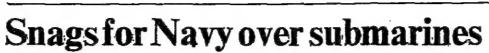
The Government would de-

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participate in Moscow.

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act on it, he said.



the Nato defence exercise code-named Elder Forest.

A Phantom jet being rearmed at RAF Wattisham, Suffolk, yesterday in

By Henry Stanhope Defence Correspondent

A decision to build four or five submarines to carry the next generation of Britain's strategic deterrents could create difficulties for the Royal Navy's

sentatives giving evidence to the House of Commons Select Committee on Defence yester-day said that only Vickers' shippard at Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, was equipped to build nuclear-powered submarines.

sary plant and skilled work-force. Cammell Laird would be an obvious candidate because the yard was used in the 1960s to build two of the present Polaris submarines as well as two nuclear-powered hunter-

But the need to build new

ballistic missile submarines attraction for overseas cus-would cause some delay to the tomers. Navy's long-term programme for hunter-killer boats, whatever

happened.
Mr M. C. Power, Assistant

try's defence sales organization would have preferred as an

The ministry officials said there had been a big increase in the cost of the lightweight torpedo, which would be ready in 1982-83, from £82m in 1969 to £198m today (at 1969 prices). The programme was five years

behind schedule. No foreign orders had been received, but there was hope of

obtaining some, particuarly in view of Nato interest. At a public session which was devoted to defence pra-curement, the MPs were told that a decision on whether to order a new tank for the British Army, the Challenger, was not expected until the late summer or the autumn.

The MPs were told later that the naval balance was still weighted in Naro's favour, despite the continuing build-up of the Soviet fleet. The Warsaw Pact had 3,260 vessels and Nato 11,300 vessels.

'Captain Catastrophe' gets an earful of sound advice

guards for help five times in five days while on a voyage with a crew of two women in a luxurious new yacht equipped with advanced navigation sids. He was criticized by rescue organizations yesterday and a coastguard officer travelled to his temporary mooring at Newlyn, near Penzance, to give

him some " sound advice Mr Vass, aged 30, a business-man from Wilmslow, Cheshire, set off from Milford Haven in the 41ft yacht, Forge Rival, last Thursday.

Within four hours be was lost. Coastguards helped him by sending the positions of all lighthouses on the South-west coast. The next day his engine failed, and coastguards located him off the north Cornwall coast, more than 60 miles from his reported position.

Mr Vass, who is making for

the Mediterranean, had to be guided along the coast with flares put up by two sets of coastguards in a six-hour operation. He was towed the final mile and a half into St Ives by a fishing boat.

Ives, only to be towed into Newlyn early vesterday by the reported more engine trouble off Penzance.

Land's End coastguard officer, said: "None of the incidents he has been involved in has been particularly serious and an have found it necessary to call us out on all those occasions.
"One of my colleagues has gone to interview him and find

Ives's lifeboat secretary, said: What this man has cost I dread to think. He has every aid possible on board, and his navigation system can fix his position within 60 miles.

fault in the 36ho engine. After losing power he was awake for three days and two nights. "I Next, coastguards answered could hardly keep my eyes another "emergency" when open and asked the coast-bis yacht was reported to be keeling over; but they disco-wered it was safely attached to lowed, and off Mousehole on

Mr Jeremy Vass has been down just outside the harbour nicknamed "Captain Catas-trophe" after calling on coast-St lves lifeboat standing by to launch, the Bermudan sloop was towed back by another fishing boat.

Finally, Forge Rival left St

heeded the warnings of those who said we were too relient on oil for energy sources. He Mr Trevor Thonley, a similar pollution crunch. We should not however, be too complement. These things have The symposium, attended local authority officials, police emergency services and other interested parties, heard Mr out what is wrong and to give him some sound advice."

ian Wrieglesworth, Labour MP for Teeside, Thornsby, who opened the proceedings, say that Teeside's chemical and Captain Eric Kemp, the St industrial complexes high-lighted the constant threat to the environment from hazard-ous substances. The menace

Mr Vass said vesterday that there had been a recurring near roads, railways, factories and other places where inflam-



Mrs Margaret Thatcher presenting Robert Fisk of The Times with the international reporter of the year award.

order, she said. But our way of life consisted in doing more than simply obeying the law. "It is not enough just to obey the law and pay your taxes. If you feel strongly about something, you have to do something by personal effort yourself."
On the awards, Mrs Thatcher said one citation said : "He is not frightened to make intellectual demands on his readers and is consistently challeng-

She asked if it was unusual in the newspaper world to make such intellectual People who did that kind of

writing, like David Wood of The Times, like leader writers and commentators, gave a per-ception of events that was like a headlight into the future and for which there was no substi-

come here as an admirer of the system", she said. "It is perhaps trite to say so (but most trite things have stood for thousands of years) but freedom would not last unless

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would not last unless you also have commercial freedom. Never let Government inter-tere with the press; you would lose everything you hold most

for next year's awards to recognize the work of the cartoonist The cartoon, she said, was the most concentrated and cagent form of comment and just about the most skilled and the most memorable, giving the picture of events that remained most in the mind.

Sir Edward Pickering, chair-man of the award judges and vice-chairman of the Press Council, said they would consider next year introducing a Margaret Thatcher award for

Among the award winners were Robert Fisk, of The Times, the international reporter of the year; Melanie Phillips, of The Guardian, the reporter of the year, and John we have freedom of the press. journalist of the year.

Makers of pregnand drug may be sued

Legal action is being con that the evidence sidered by more than 80 parents. McBride is imporof children who were born deformed or died after their mothers had taken Debendox, the pregnancy sickness drug.

More curbs

on waste

chemicals

Rrom Ronald Kershaw Middlesbrough

release of waste chemicals until

man was made aware of the

stop their use.

Mr Read said: "Man in his environment is now saddled with a fait accompli. The wastes have been released. They are lurking to be sprung on un-

we have a suspicion that some of them are there but we do not quite know what to look

Mr Read said that because

of many of the adverse effects caused by chemicals in the environment it was necessary to

derive some means of predicting the likely effects of a planned action and allowing some measure of planned control either to curb or eliminate the hazard.

He said risk assessment re-

quired three main evaluations toto be conducted: hazard identification, risk estimation

and social evaluation. That

meant the benefits to man of

the system producing the risk,

the cost-benefit of the risk system, and a comparison of the

risk against other natural risks

such as earthquakes and floods.

Mr Read pointed out that until the two oil crises no western industrial country

habit of attacking from

urged

The parents, who formed an Better methods of control association yesterday, are thinking of suing the drug manufacturers, Richardson-Metrell, and are calling for Debendox to be suspended, although the Government's Committee of the Covernment's Covernment's Covernment's Covernment's Covernment's Covernment of the Covernment's Covernment of the Covernment's Covernment of the Covernment of were needed for the release of waste chemicals, Mr Simon Read head of the poisonous waste unit of the Greater London Council, said in Midment's Committee on the Safety diesbrough yesterday. A tech-nological society placed great reliance on the use of chemicals and chemically based materials; of Medicines has ruled it safe. Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent, South, sold the meeting of parents at the House of Commons yesterday and in their use the techno-logical goal was everything; the after-effects were ignored. day that the committee had sent for evidence it had not pre-viously studied and which had Addressing Transchem 80, the seventh symposium on the led to an American court's safe transportation of hazardous

substances, arranged by Cleve-land Constabulary and Tees-side Polytechnic, Mr Read said it was generally the case that no control was imposed on the deformities. "I was very disturbed to have it confessed in parliamentary answers that the transcript of the trial had not even been looked at ", he said.

conclusion that the drug caused

There would always be a time lag between the initial release which produced the effect and that effect being eliminated. Methods of control based on waiting for effects to show were unsatisfactory. He cited two cases related to chlorinated hydrocarbons, illustrating long time scales during which the substances affected the environment, One was DDT, the environment. One was DDI, the effects of which were not taken seriously until 15 years after the chemical was first widely used, the other polychlorinated biphenyls, first used in the 1940s. The effects on plant and animal life were seen in the mid-1960s and prompt action was taken to ston their use.

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account."

drug, and letters were in daily.

Mrs Valerie Alexan acting chairman, who was born with balf of arm missing said just had a letter from two telephone calls fr and one from Rams It is estimated that per cent of birth de are reported each Ashley told the meeting

The court in Orlando.
Florida, had manimously agreed that the drug had caused birth defects in a boy, and the only disagreement was over the degree of risk. You cannot disregard evidence of that kind, Mr Ashley said. The transcript contained evidence from Dr William McBride, of Australia, who had first discovered the link between thalidomide and birth deformities, Mr Ashley said. It also cast doubt on some of the surveys on which the Govern-ment's committee had based its

suggesting there is any relation-ship between thalidomide and Debendox. But I am saying

Take parents said t

been 130 letters from t believed their child deformities as a resu

there have been six ca ted a year since 1963. 34 last year, there cou deformed babies born

It was impossible to how many of those the result of Debende Mrs Angela Ellion secretary, who has babies die because the kidneys after she took said: "There must others like me who drug, and the doctors of Medicines has rev. safety of Debendox the since 1978 and on exsion found it safe as to revoke or suspend of the product.

Britain have taken Merrell say that the babies was the same population as a whol

Consumer groups and ref. tape 'limiting drug resea

drugs is threatened by excessive red tape and consumer group pressures. Mr. David Smart president of the Association of the Refitish Pharmaceutical In-dustry, said last night. At the association's fiftieth

antiversary dinner, he said that a record £200m would be spent on research this year, but because of bureaucratic and consumer demands for increased safety precautions that level of spending could not be sustained adefinitely.

The consequence might be a considerable reduction in the

novation. It was more clinical certificate in Kingdom than in a other country.
Rare side-effects

became evidend on drug had been give large numbers of p would be more logi fore, to monitor the ance of new product time after they had duced, rather than

Survivor saw pilot stru to get out of sinking air

A survivor mild an inquiry in by the down-draug Aberdeen yesterday that he saw rescue helicopter, the pilot's dying struggle to Mr Howard Jon the pilot's dying struggle to escape from his sinking aircraft after it plunged into the sea near Sumburgh airport, Shetland, last July.

Seventeen people died after over the heads of su the Dan-Air Hawker Siddeley Airdrie, Strathclyde, 100 mob.

100 mob. Mr Vincent Cain, aged 30, a helicopter engineer from Merseyside told the inquiry that he saw Captain Christophe Watson trying to squeeze out of a side window of the cockpit, " His shoulders were out of

the window," he said, That was the last he saw of the pilot, whose body was reshe did not seem to covered later. There was panic any move to get and terror after the aircraft careered off the and of the runway at Sumburgh, survivors

Mr Cain said that aviation pected to be called fuel lying on top of the water

Wallasey, Merseysid draught whipped up and the inflated being thrown down : coming into the crast there was a scramb

He stayed behind he could to help be it too late. He had pr Elizabeth Cowe, the out of the aircraft. any move to get o time. By this time was coming in very

Nearly 200 witness quiry, which is due ! to three weeks.

Ulster home building to be cut

From Our Correspondent Public sector building of

homes is to be cut by a third this year in Northern Ireland, although more than 14 per cent of all homes are judged unfit for occupation, compared with a figure for England and Wales of only 4.6 per cent.

The number of new houses to be built is to be cut from a planned 4.615 to 3.078, and the

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number of entirely new projects on "green field" sites will be reduced by 53 per cent.

The plan to house 2,000 Catholic families on the huge

Polegiass development, on the edge of west Belfast, bitterly opposed by a number of Protestant politicians led by the Rev Ian Paisley, survives more or less unscathed and the cuts will be followed by the results of the cuts with the following the cuts of the will be felt mainly in the rural areas and Ulster's smaller

Despite the reduction in projects to be supervised there is to be no reduction in the staff of the Northern Ireland Hous-ing Executive, which controls all publicly owned housing in

Announcing the executive's liveland would incrementally programme in Beliast yesterday Mr. Charles Brett, the chairman, said it had explored the possibility of raising additional funds on the market but tional funds on the market but had been rold that would not The Government had cut the executive's budget for the year

from the projected £129m to £112m but inflation made that 17m cut equivalent to at least

On seeing the chairman's "In contrast with draft statement, the Northern ish authorities, the line of the line of

of asking Mr Brett to minister's comments press conference call housing executive. Mr Goodhart conte

compared with ma "There has been s in the press that th ment intends to phase new council house b Great Brimin by 15

"In contrast with has decided to press a

Brett said.

American held in Ulster for questioning Police investigating terrorist

crimes in Northern Ireland yesterday were interviewing an American citizen, aged 23, who was not named:

mergency Provisions Act. The volice said several people

were being questioned about serious crimes" Mr Atkins criticized : Mr James Molyneaux and his four Official Ulster Unionist colleagues in the Commons yesterday tabled a motion criticizing the communique issued in Dublin on Tuesday after Mr Humphrey

Miles joint second after chess win against Stean attack by By Harry Golombek grandmaster, Sax. Shortly afterwardillington Miles in a gardilling. grandmaster, Sax.

Chess Correspondent

Round 6 in the Phillips and Drew King's Grandmaster chess tournament in London started at a slow pace with a quick draw between Sosonko and Andersson and then a somewhat longer draw between Speekman and okrchnol, which, eft the latter still in the lead with 41 points.

that ensued provided a feast of entertainment. Timman and Liubojevic played the well known but very complicated. poisoned pawn variation of the Sicilian defence, which ended in a well deserved draw.

Then young Short, whose position was too defensive out of the opening, succumbed to

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Growing up in a changing world

Today's teenagers are taller, healthier and better

housed. But increased prosperity has not necessarily

brought about greater family harmony or happiness

for young people. Many adolescents experience

the stress of broken homes, racial discrimination.

of four articles. Professor Michael Rutter, author of

Fifteen Thousand Hours, discusses the role of the

school and therapeutic intervention and suggests

that we need to experiment with new ways of helping

Also this week: Margaret and Arthur Wynn on the

untold damage done by lead; Milton Keynes-the

windy city; John Berger on Monet; Plus our social

science brief for schools and colleges-on the

which don't fecus on the individual.

How can we help teenagers in distress? In the first

personal crises.

Third World.

Under-Secretary (naval staff), told MPs that the difficulty was not so acute in building a sucshipbuilding programme.
Ministry of Defence reprecessor to the smaller Oberon class of conventionally powered The first of the 2,400-ton class, designed to replace the Oberon submarines, would probably be built at Vickers, start-A programme costing many millions of pounds could be introduced to reactivate a second shipyard with the necesing in about two years. But Cammell Laird and Scott Lithgow should be able to construct some of the other nine submarines in the class. Mr Power admitted that the design was a compromise between a 2,000 to 2,200-ton submarine, which the Royal Navy had preferred, and a larger boat, which the minis-

Screes fall 'danger' to Wast Water

From Our Correspondent

Workington The stability of the famous Wasdale Screes if British Nuclear Fuels are allowed to abstract more water from Wast Water has been questioned at the two lakes inquiry, at Whitehorn now in its twelfth week.

The screes are a steep slope of loose rock which rises almost sheer for 1,200ft from the edge of England's despest lake. The question of their stability was raised by Mr Ian Bonner,

ature Council. Although he did not name them, he said that council geologists said it was extremely difficult to assess the impact, but they thought a rise in the lake level of up to a metre coulud affect stability by remov-

ing debris, leading to increased slope angles Mr Lionel Read, QC, for BNF, told the inquiry that the Geo-logical Society of London had lodged a holding objection against the proposals so that they could consider the possible effect on the screes. But that

objection had been withdrawn, a clear indication, Mr Read said, that they were happy about the stability of the slope.

BNF are seeking more water to supply their expanding nuclear plant at Windscale, in west Cumbria.

Thatcher call for award to cartoonists

By Kenneth Gosling The Prime Minister yesterday gave a warning against the substitution of pressure group tac-tics and industrial "muscle" for individual skill and merit. It was her most difficult mes-

sage to get across she said. "Your standard of living and your future depend on your own things, your own skill and your own merit, and if you try to substitute pressure group tactics against the Government or industrial muscle, you would son cease to have the society

you would like to live in." Mrs Margaret Thatcher was presenting in London what she called the newspaper industry's "battle honours", the British Press Awards. Her speech ranged widely over home and foreign affairs.

She pleaded for freedom from restrictive bractices, an issue with which the newspaper industry was familiar and made a reference to the Employment Bill, which was just coming the Commons, It would change the law, and the ian was important. " But the rask in the coming

year is to get the greater pron-perity which might even lead

to greater circulations." Invest-

ment had to be put to use so that we could look forward to greater wealth in the future. On foreign affairs, Mrs Thatcher said it would be a tragedy if Afghanistan became just another nine-day wonder" and people accepted the occupation by Soviet troops to the extent of not worrying too much who was going to be next.

She also related the tragedy

This was a time of law and

of world events to the way the British people reacted to them.

"And freedom of the press

dear Mrs Thatcher made an appeal

cartoonists.

He left the United States a year ago and has been living in the Creggan area of Londonderry. He was arrested on Tuesday in a dawn raid. An unspecified number of people are being held under section 11 of the

Atkins, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, had discussons with ministers of the re-

Thereafter, however, every game was most fiercely contested and the variety of attacks and counter-attacks

an overwhelming king side

after taking an una-lead in a tournament home town of Baku, Ti Agency reported. Kasparov, who was Sunday, is sure to

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Probation Offitterday: "There is and mounting n with the opera-bildren and Young ntions of this Act.

riminal behaviour s would be dealt care proceedings ort and have never of the limit of the limit

Chief probation officers now say that it is time to replace that with a more realistic approach to young offenders. The basis would be a clear distinction between criminal proceedings and care proceedings in the work of the juvenile courts. Local authority social work departments would concentrate on work with young people who were the subject of care proceedings, and the probation and after-care service on those subject to criminal proceedings.

Present thinking is that the measures available to juvenile courts dealing with children or young persons who commit crime should include, as at present, absolute discharges, conditional discharges, fines and attendance centre orders.

For the most serious offenders, detention centre and horstal sentences would still be available

For others, in place of the present supervision order there would be a junior probation order, which could contain a wide range of special requirements, ranging from attendeducational or work projects to ance at day activity centres and part-time or full-time residential requirements in hostels, specialist foster homes or other establishments, and special intensive supervision for those requiring it.

Other possibilities now under consideration include lowering from 17 to 16 the minimum age at which community service orders can be made and the power to order residence in community homes as part of junior probation orders,



A bus embedded in a house in Rainhill, Liverpool, yesterday after leaving one woman dead and four people injured

One dead, 4 hurt as bus leaves trail of wreckage

An elderly woman was killed and four people were injured yesterday when a double-deck bus left a half-mile trail of wreckage on the A57 road at Rainhill, near Liverpool, It ramini, near Liverpool. It struck a bus queue and seven vehicles before hitting the front of a semi-detached house, where it became embedded.

to drag the driver from the bus and to hold him down before he was taken by ambulance to hospital.

Keiran McCabe, aged 17, of Palmwood Avenue, Rainhill, said that the driver was hanging out of the cab screaming: "I am God. I am Bruce Lee.

Do you believe me? I am in paradise".

The series of crashes began Five policemen were needed

lives near the house where the policeman tried to coax the driver out of his compartment, but he was shouting and flailing his arms. He was shouting: We are all dead. Don't you see? I know what it is like. I have died before ".

at about 9.10 am when the bus, belonging to the Crosville Bus Company, of Chester, had turned round after a 12-mile trip from Liverpool city centre. Police believe that the vehicle started to zig-zag across the road. First it collided with an oncoming post van, knocking it on its side. A few yards far-

ther on it went into the bus

On the way the bus picked up what it believed to have been a stationary car and shunted it broadside for 300 yards at nearly 30 mph, before it ploughed into an oncoming van and a Mini car. The dead woman and two of the injured were at the busstop, where the bus demolished a wooden shelter. Ten minutes

earlier dozens of children had been at the stop,

The bus then veered on to a
pavement and a woman pedestrian had to jump aside, It smashed into the front of a estate car in the drive on

Mr Algerman Elwin, the hus

A full inquiry will be held at the earliest opportunity."

Merseyside police said four people were taken to hospital, where two were said to be in

a serious condition.

Doctors had certified him under the Mental Realth Act and he had been detained in an approved hospital, police said.

the driver had been employed by the company since 1976 and by the company since 1976 and his record was satisfactory. As far as we are aware the vehicle was in a roadworthy condition.

Edward Brown, aged 33, of Wavertree, Liverpool, had been charged with causing grievous bodily harm but had been found unfit to appear in court yester

Labour adopts 'Tory vandals' poll slogan

By Christopher Warman orrespondent

Whitehall's policies on local government were resulting in damage to, and even the destruction of essential services, Mr Roy Hattersley, shadow Enironment Secretary, said yes-

Launching the Labour Party's campaign for district council elections in England and Scotland on May 1, Mr Hattersley said Labour offered the British people an "opportunity to demonstrate their opposition to all that Mrs Thatcher stands for, and an opportunity to reject Conservative policy for local councils.

"That policy can be summed up in four words: pay more, get less." With a national slogan of

"Stop the Tory vandals—vote Labour", the party is confident of gaining hundreds of seats and regaining control of more than 30 authorities.

Mr Hattersley said the messace was finally getting across to people that cutting public ex-penditure was not the answer o Britain's difficulties. While people would in general say they did not want to see higher pending, the fact was that they tenants.

did not want worse schools, poorer housing, higher rates, fewer amenities for the elderly, uncut parks or unmaintained

He believed that people were also now realizing that the reason for rate increases was not local authority waste and extravagance, but the result of the policies put forward by Mrs Thatcher and Mr Michael Hesel-tine, Secretary of State for the Environment.

"Rates are increasing because central government is not providing adequate funds for local services, and local government has now been put in an intolerable position by the Government as a result of the Clegg award to teachers."

Mr Hattersley rejected Conservatives' claim that the party was winning support on the council estates because of policy of selling council ses. Tenants realized that buying their homes was not as easy or as cheap as the Governhouses. ment made out.

Another matter that would have an "electric" effect on council tenants was the fact that the Government intended to allow housing authorities to make a profit from their

20 still held in drug inquiry

By Our Crime Reporter Customs and police officers resterday were still questioning 20 people arrested after the seizure of cannabis resin estimated to be worth £1.5m being unloaded from a yacht in

a secluded North Wales bay

Tuesday.
Six people were arrested at the time of the seizure and others were picked up in raids later. It is thought that further arrests may be made as part the investigation,

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dence in Mr Liesching in 1975 and that in 1964 after visiting Moscow he praised prison conditions.

The governor protested to the editor Mr William Deedes that his letter was not acknowledged and the editor had broken faith by allowing Miss Synon to pretend it was a per-

sonal interview.

Answering the Press Council, Mr Deedes said he generally accepted the principle that letters for publication should not be used in other ways without reference to the author. But at times, after reference to the writer (which was done)
a letter could be turned into
part of a wider news item, or
a straight apology.

Mr Liesching said he had

Home Office permission to write to the editor, but not to be interviewed.

The adjudication said: The Press Council reaffirms to view that it is improper to interview without the approval of the writer. The newspaper did not make it clear that the remarks it quoted came from the letter, giving the false impression that the story was based on an inter-view or statement.

The council accepts that the three final paragraphs referring briefly to earlier incidents in the governor's long prison service career were designed to discredit

The complaint against The Daily Telegraph is upheld.

Man for trial on

David Hugh Davies, who is accused of setting fire to a holiday home in North Wales, was alleged at Portmadoc Magistrates Court, Gwynedd, yesterday to have said that he had drunk several pints of ale and had mentioned his inten-tion of starting a house fire to several friends and the local policeman.

Mr Davies, of Camden Road Mr Davies, of Lamden Koad, mitted in custody for trial at Caernaron Crown Court on a charge of arson, causing criminal damage. Mr Davies, aged 22, a clock repairer, was alleged to have set fire to a holiday home in Beddgelert, in Spoudonia, causing consider-

Mr Robert Price, for the

In an alleged statement, Mr Davies, whose family lives in North Wales, said be had heard of the house fires in Wales on the radio. He broke into the cottage through a window and ser fire to a settee, other pieces of furniture, clothing, curtains and bedsheets. He gave himself up the next morning.

Welsh holiday home fire charge

Snowdonia, causing consider-able damage.

defence, asked that reporting restrictions be lifted as he wanted to make clear that Mr. Davies's actions were in no way politically motivated.

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d evidence given in d forced him to the n that Mr Stuart, director of S & M Loudon) Ltd, of Gains-Road Lawrence Road Leytonstone, branch in Balham ed in August, 1976. udge dismissed the

claim against the Company, repudiated liability to fire insurance policy. had been agreed, sub-liability, at £135,000.

5,000 fire at a south . Lord Justice Watkins said he carpet shop was deliberately by lan he managing director rusiness. Lord Justice Watsiness had been in the profitable state claimed by Mr Stuart. He was not satisfied that Mr Stuart had been the state of the state completely truthful in the witness box as to his activities on the day of the fire, which broke out shortly after the shop closed for the half day.

A charge of arson, the judge added, was normally decided at a criminal trial by a jury, who had to be satisfied beyond reasonable doubt before they could convict. In the present case the police had decided against taking proceedings and he had to try balance of probabilities. He said the company's claim was fraudulent and faise.

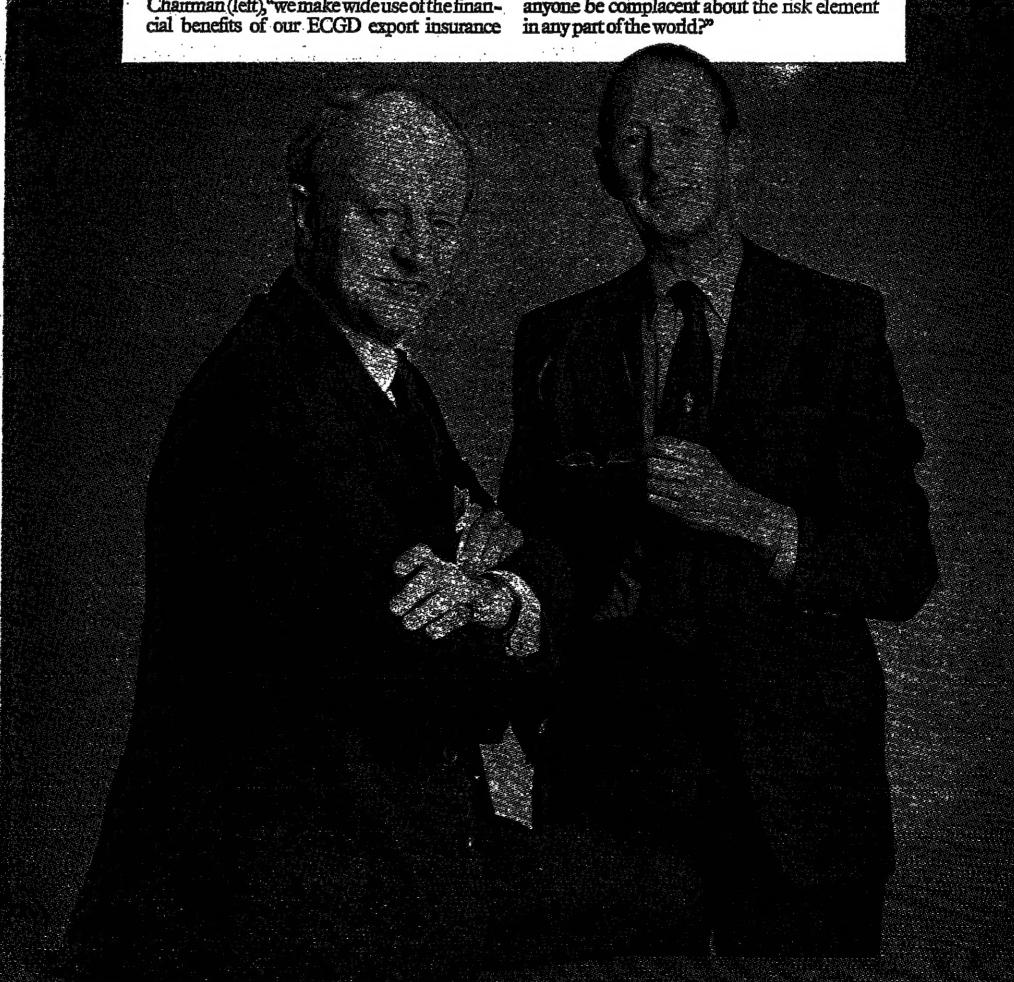
"£600,000 SAYSWEWERE RIGHT TO HAVE ECGD COVER"

As you would expect of a company which has won two Queen's Awards for Export, the Baker Perkins Group (headquarters Peterborough) is not only successful but highly professional in its approach to the exporting of plant and machinery for the food, chemical, printing and foundry industries.

"Of course" said Franklin Braithwaite. Chairman (left), we make wide use of the finan-

policies-especially extended credit terms. But apart from that, with export sales of over £35 million last year in 100 countries, I don't think I could sleep at nights without export insurance protection which is good value for the premiums we pay."

"During the 1970s" added Managing Director John Peake, "ECGD paid us promptly claims of over £600,000 in markets where we thought we were safe. But with the current economic and political turbulence, how could anyone be complacent about the risk element in any part of the world?"



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Tide flowing strongly towards Games boycott | Sir William Barlow's departure

The latest information available suggested that about 30 governments favoured boycotting the Olympic Games in Moscow or had expressed serious reservations about their athletes taking part. Mr Douglas Hurd, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said. The number was in-

creasing all the time. Mr Philip Whitehead (Derby, North, Lab) had asked how many countries were in agreement with the British Government in its pro-

posals for a boycott.

Many of us the said) who were deeply concerned about the holding of the Moscow Olympics on human rights grounds long before the invasion of Afghanistan or the American presidential election. American presidential election, feel that the current slogging match between the Government and the British Olympic Association will leave us with the worst of ell worlds in this country, exposing deep divisions where there should

be unity.

Would be discuss with the athletes who have voted to go, as is their right if they so wish. some form of unified protest in Muscow during the holding of the Games? Mr Hurd-No. That ignores the fact that the Soviet authorities control the television output from mirror the television output from Mr Selwyn Gummer (Eye, C)— There is no slogging match. It is Britain should be leading and not

withdrawing their troops, Mr Douglas Hurd, Minister of State

for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said.

Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian,

Lah) had asked the Lord Privy Seal for details of his approach to

Seal for details of ins approach to the Russian Government of his proposals as to how the Russian Army should withdraw forces from Afchanistan in order to avoid the possibility of internecine factional

Mr Burd (Mid Oxon, C)-

Exchanges we have had with the Russians are continuing. Our approach is flexible and other governments are contributing suggestions on how the concept might be

be misleading to publish details at

Mr Daivelf-Does he agree with Cardinal Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, that the Russians should not be regarded as

in these confidential communi-

cations, can we be assured they are done in a fairly sensible spirit and not in the spirit of lashing the Russians, because that is not the

way to get the Red Army out of Afghanistan?

Afghanistan?

Mr Hurd—These proposals put forward by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (Lord Carrington) and endorsed by the EEC Foreign Ministers are not designed to lash the Russians, but designed to give them a way in which they can withdraw their troops from their aggression in Afghanistan, leading to a neutral and non-aligned status for that country.

Mr Alan Beith (Bernich man

Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed, L) said Mr Dalyell had suggested recently that the Russian invasion was justified by the fact that appointed had been committed

against Russian advisers in that

the standing committee would the standing committee would report the Bill to the House by May 1 and that there should be two and a half days for report tage and third reading.

Mr Heseltine (Hendon, C) said his department

1.800 letters from people about the right to buy council houses and about 90 per cent of these supported this policy. They wan-ted the Bill in force as quickly

It is therefore our clear inten-

The standing committee had sat or 101 weeks, spending 110 ours considering the Bill. The

progress made receptly indiciated the reasonableness of the motion

before the House. Now the major parts of the Bill had been dealt

with, the motion was necessary to

ensure enactment before the summer recess. Voluntary arrangements had not

proved possible and if enactment in the summer did not take place the legislation would not come into effect until early 1951.

would not be justified in frustrating the ambitions, and entitionments as a result of electoral

promises to tenants for the sake

separate the two sides of the

the three weeks which

The Government had decided it

it is therefore out clear inter-tion (he said) to have the Bill enacted before the summer re-cess. Delay beyond that would he a denial of our policies and of the aspirations of the people.

this stage.

increasingly clear that as me ude of boycott hegins to flow strongly in many sports this is going to be a tawdry event with second-rate competition.

Mr John Biggs-Davison (Epping Forest, C)—Whatever other countries may do, will not any British athlete who goes there to compete dishonour himself and his country? (Labour protests.)

Mr Hurd—The competitors find themselves in a difficult personal situation which has not been helped by the premature decision of the British Olympic Association to accept the Moscow invitation. We will do what we can to help them in that struction, bur believe it is strongly against British in-terests for British athletes to participate.

Mr Roy Hughes (Newport, Lab)— The Government should give up its attempt to blackmail our sportsmen and sports adminis-trators. Particularly reprehensible was the attempted character assassination yesterday of Sir Denis Follows—(Labour cheers)—a man of the highest possible integrity, who has served sports admirably over so many years.

Mr Hurd-His integrity is in no way in question. We disagree with his judgment about British in-terests in this matter.

The aim of the British Government mus be to work towards encourage dangerous to be a Russian in Afging the Afghanistan at present, but the hanistan at present, but the remedy is in their own hands. They withdrawing their troops, Mr. Committee an withdraw.

Mr. Hurd—It is true that it is for that declaration by their neighbours and other countries.

Mr. John Wilkinson (Hillingdon, Ruislip-Northwood, C)—Many withdrawing their troops, Mr. Can withdraw.

Sir Paul Bryan (Howden, C)-

Although after the invasion it was

only right that western countries should press the Russians to with-draw, it is obvious they have no intention of doing so. The Govern-

ment should base their diplomacy

engaged in a savage colonial war in Afghanistan to which it is hard to see the outcome. (Labour interrup-

tions.) It is a colonial war, con-

ducted by upwards of 80,000 troops who are actually engaged in fighting the resistance movement.

It must be our aim to work towards encouraging them to bring

It to an end by withdrawing their

Mr Philip Whitehead (Derby North, Lab)—What evidence does the Government have that some

circles at least in the Soviet Union

realize at least in the soviet Union realize Afghanistan was a major blunder in every sense of the word? Which item of British Government policy today is designed to encourage these circles and in-

Mr Hurd—The proposals to which the question was addressed. These proposals are designed to give the Russlans a way our of their aggres

Mr Enoch Powell (South Down,

Off UU)—Would he consider who guaranteed the neutrolity of Bel-gium and how that was imple-mented? Which countries would

guarantee the neutrality of Aig-hanistan, and how would they im-

nanistan, and now would they implement it?
Mr Hurd—I am not going into
details today—(Labour laughter)—
of a plan which is still being discussed and is still evolving.

Its purpose is clear: first, a
Soviet withdrawal, second a declaration by the Afghanistanis in
favour of neutrality and nonaligned status, and then support

Opposition was not that the Government's behaviour was constitu-tionally scandalous, but that it

tionally scandalous, but that it was manifestly unreasonable.

Labour MP's had done nothing that could remotely be described as obstructing the Bill's procedures or moving towards intentional delay. The only speech of any great length in committee had

Stanley) who on one occasion spoke for more than 100 minutes.

In 37 sessions, the committee had dealt with 106 clauses. To deal with almost three clauses a

session was a remarkable record.

Indeed, some people believed the committee was allowed to proceed

The Bill was full of enabling provisions. Clause after clause

amounted to the right of the Secretary of State to do what he liked, bow he liked, when he liked. There was a long history of the Secretary of State and his ministers being deeply reluctant to explain what their intentions were when the superpositions he will

The committee had not only to

The Minister of State had said

he welcomed the bi-partisan approach on shortholds, a new system of lettings providing tenants with only a limited security

prohe the Bill's provisions but also ministers' intentions. Tast was properly and necessarily a long

when implementing the Bill.

made by the Minister of

Council house sales Bill urgent

Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, moved a timetable motion on the Housing Bill which provided that the committee motion.

crease their influence?

Mr Hurd-The Russians

Plan for Afghanistan still being

evolved: savage colonial war

on that assumption.

merely counting up how many other countries would do this. Without impugning the personal character of Sir Denis Follows, is it not sad that he should commit suicide rather than be politically assassinated because he will not understand that he has a position as a British person and not merely as a representative of sport?

Mr Hurd—I would rather not be

drawn into further comment on him. We warmly welcome, for example, the latest decision by Bri-tish yachtsmen not to take part. Mr George Foulkes (South Ayrshire, Lab)-What compensation is the Government prepared to give to those businessmen who have obtained franchises for the Moscow Olympics? Surely these are the kind of people the Government is trying to encourage. They will lose money as a direct result of the Government's action. Mr Hurd—If he wants to raise a particular case he should do so. In principle, the Government is not

inh'e for compensation in this matter. matter.

1.1. John Fart (Harborough, C)—
Would he persuade the Government to adopt a much more resolute attitude towards those who wish to go to Moscow point out that if they go, they could distinguish themselves by being almost the only representatives from any free country in the

Mr John Wilkinson (Hillingdon, Ruislip-Northwood, C)—Many neutral countries have retained their neutral status without exter-

nal military guarantees. Is it not in the interests of the free world and

peace that neutrality should pre-tail in Afghanistan and in the in-

terest of great power balance?
Mr Hurd-Yes. One of the

max mare—Yes. One of the encouraging things about our pro-posal is the degree of interest and support appearing for it in many countries in the free world and particularly the Islamic world.

dir Tam Dalyeli (West Lorbina,

Lab) in other exchanges, asked— Can the minister or his counter-parts or colleagues in the EEC think of any specific good reasons why the Soviet Union should want to colonize Afghanistan?

Sir Ian Gilmour—That question should be addressed to the Soviet Union. All we know is that there are at present at least \$60,000 bordet troops in Afghanistan terrorising

the inhabitants and causing large

numbers of casualties. Their action has been criticized by almost the entire free world, 104 members of the United Nations and the Islamic

Council and appears to be sup-ported only by Mr Dalyell.

Mr James Lamond (Oldham, East, Lab)—When he discusses with his EEC opposite numbers the question of Lord Carrington's proposal to have a neutral Afghanistan, and

since he has said that that neutra-

lity would not be imposed but would have to be agreed by Ata-hanistan, would it not be at least courteous to have indicated to the

Alghay Government the nature of his proposals so that it, which will be the Government with whom the proposals will have to be agreed, should know exactly what is pro-

Sir Ian Gilmour—Mr Lamond has

it wrong. The present government of Afghanistan would not last a

moment if Soviet troops were not there, so its views are not all that relevant.

of tenure. The Opposition put down a number of amendments to

racilitate that bi-pardsan approach, some of which would have provided safeguards for shorthold tenants, but the Government had accepted none of them. So much for the bi-pardsan approach

One of the results of selling

council houses was that there was to be, for local authorities at least,

a two tier laterest rate—buy a council house and one would get a lower interest rate; buy a private house and one would pay

The worst example of information

withold from the committee con-cerned the part of the Bill dealing

council houses, irrespective of the needs of the area and the judge-ment of the elected represent-

New council house building had been virtually brought to an end.

A long list of authorities had

aiready aunounced that there would be no housing starts in their area in this financial year. The Conservative council in

Birmingham and the Labour

council in Coventry had abandoned

all new contracts for house build-ing. Walsall had done so too. The money allocated to them allowed

them to finance existing comit-ments but did not allow them to

The motion was carried by 296 otes to 238—Government

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with the compulsory sale

that

Mr Hurd—It is true that the total towards a boycott is flowing strongly. United States swimmers won 13 gold medals in the last Olympic Games. A swimming competition without American particularly pation is certain to be a rather second-rate affair.

Mr Edward Rowlands, an Opposttion spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs (Merthyr Tydfil, Lab)—Many of us, even those who have strong views, find Enistrateful and disgusting attempts by members of the Government to brand individual sportsmen in Britain as dishonourable or as if they were disloyal in their own personal decisions. (A Conservative shout of "They

Will he at least confirm that there will be no impediment or difficulty. administrative or bureaucratic, to allow individuals to make their own choice and go to Moscow if they wish to do so?

Mr Hurd—I entirely reject his account of what has been taking place. We have made it clear that it is a matter of choice in a free country as to whather needs 200 country as to whether people go. We have also made clear, and will go on making clear, our judgment as the British Government of where British interests lie. We hope that as many individuals as possible will follow that advice.

Britain has no standing in Mandella

case Britain had no standing in the case of Mr Nelson Mandella, juiled in South Africa 16 years ago, Sir Ian Gilmour, Lord Privy Seal, said when pressed to make representations from the contraction of the case of the case

tations for his release. Sir Ian Gilmour said that Britain's relations with South Africa were governed by her desire to encourage peaceful change there and to achieve an interactionally recognized settlement in Namibia.

If there is progress on both these fronts (he went on) we can look forward to the steady improvement in our relations which we seek. He had no plans to meet the South African Ambassador in the immediate future.

Mr Cyril Townsend (Berley, Berleyheath, C)—Will be bear in mind the build up of Sovier maritime forces in the Indian Ocean, most recently described in the defence White Paper?

Will he be having discussions with the Ministry of Defence on the possibility of sharing maritime information with the South African joint naval exercises?

Sir Ian Gilmour (Chesham and Amersham, C)—That is a matter for the Secretary of State for De-fence but we have no present plans to act like thise.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall, North, Lab)-When he does meet the ambassador, will he express the concern felt about Mr Nelson Mandella and his associates who have been locked away in South African prisons for 16 years and whose real crime is wanting freedom for their own people?

Gir Ian Gilmour-We do not have any standing in the case of Mr Mandella so it would not be right for us to make formal represen-tations on his behalf.

But I am sure the South African Government recognizes well what an excellent effect on international opinion Mr Mandella's release would have and how widely welcomed it would be as a symbol of the desire for reconciliation in South Africa. Mr Nicholas Winterton (Maccles-field, C)—Many Tories welcome the improved relationship between

Britain and the South African government. It would be wrong to put undpe

pressure on South Africa over the luture of South West Africa, South Africa is doing its utmost to ensure gradual progress to a more demo-cratic form of government in South West Africa. Sir Ian Gilmour—It would have been impossible to hold the elec-

tions in Zimbabwe without the logistic help of South Africa. hir John Maxton (Glasgow, Cath-cart, Lab)-In view of the Government's position on the British
Lions tour of South Africa, will Sir
Isn Gilmour make it clear to the
House, the British Lions and the
South African Government that the
British Embassy facilities there
will not be available to the team.

Sir Ian Gilmout—That sort of decare fain does not help anyone. The House and the Rugby Union know well our artitude to the Gleneagles Agreement on discouraging sporting contacts with South Africa. hir Edward Rowlands, an Opposi-

tion spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs (Merthyr Tydfil, Lab) said during later exchanges that there was nothing wrong in the Government pressing strongly with representations on freedom for Mr Mandella and others who had suffered years of cruel imprisonment.

The exact reasons for Sir William trance and installation services. Sir Keight Joseph—There has not been a series of such disagreements between Sir William Barlow Barlow's resignation as Chairman of the Post Office were a matter for him. Sir Keith Joseph. Secretary of State for Industry, said. There has been no disagreement and me and the Government as Mr Silkin describes. The exact reasons for Sir William Barlow's resignahetween Sir Keith and Sir William Barlow, whose resignation he very tion, which I very much regret, and for him and not for me. Sir Keigh Joseph (Leeds, North-East) said—Sir William Barlow has

to introduce soon to separate the Post Office luto two corporations. Sir William knew that I hoped that he would become the Chairman of British Telecommunications but to my great regret told me shortly before Easter that he would prefer to resume his career able—I am not drawing no impli-cations here for British Telecom-munications—to introduce private in the private sector. Sir William has my respect and admiration for all that he has done and sought to do in the Post Office during the past rwo and a half years. His departure later this year will be a ass to the public sector, though have no doubt it will be a gain to

private industry.

I also announced yesterday that
after consideration of a unmber of
other possible candidates. I was appointing Mr Ronald Dearing a deputy secretary in the Department of Industry, to be a deputy chairman of the Post Office and chairman-designate of the postal

made excellent progress with the administrative preparations for the legislation the Government intend

much regrested.

Mr John Silkin, chief Opposition spokesman on industry (Lewisham, spokesman on industry (Lewisham, Deputord, Lab)—The Opposition regret Sir William Barlow felt it necessary to offer his resignation. The manner in which Sir William Barlow is going, the soothing words of Sir Keith Joseph and the chivalrous words of Sir William Barlow are rather reminiscent of the words used when Sir Lesiie Murphy and the NEB were sacked. In the light of that can the In the light of that can the Secretary of State confirm that there were differences of opinion between the Government and Sir William Barlow, particularly on the investment programme, cash

limits and the breakup of the Post Office monopoly?
In 1979-80 the Post Office was compelled to repay \$110m and this year its cash limit has been rigorously imposed. Sir William Barlow believed that it was necessary to increase the investment pro-gramme, a point of view which all those waiting for telephones would

Sir William Barlow beliesed the rigid and unimaginative cash limit imposed by the Government make it difficult to have a sensible wage negotiation. We have seen what the effect of lumatic negotiations have been in other industries, particularly the steel industry,

Sir William Barlow was uncerly opposed to the breakup of the Post Office monopoly because he saw the danger to the rural letter ser-rice in such a breakup. He was equally birterly opposed to the attempt to destroy the monopoly

Britain was doing better with the

EEC than with the rest of the world and leaving the Community

was not a serious option, Sir lan Gilmour, Lord Privy Sead, said.

He was asked by Mr Anthony Marlow (Northampton, North, C) to list the areas of disagreement which were ourstanding between the United Kingdom and the other member states of the EEC.

Sir Ian Gilmour (Chesham and Amersham, C)—The United King-

doms' inequitable contribution to the Community budget is the main problem affecting the United King-dom specifically. The Government

solution.

termined to negotiate a fair

Of course it is true that cash limits —which were after all introduced by the Labour government—do impose a discipline, particularly on nationalized industries.

Chairmen of those nationalized industries which are successful, particularly the telecommunications part of the Post Office, are liked by restraint on their desirable investment. This makes it all the more sensible where practice.

capital to the limit practicable to take borrowing off the public sector borrowing requirement.

There is no truth in the allegation that there w as a wide difference of opinion about the decisions of the Government about the monopoly of the Post Office largely because the Government has not yet reached any decisions. On the investment programme, certainly Sir William Barlow would have liked a bigger one; we all

would. We are examining ways in which the Post Office could have a larger investment programme, but within cash limits. What is the point of having cash limits if they are slack and flabby. Mr Silkin—How is it possible to provide 222,000 telephones which are required at the moment with out an investment programme? How can that be achieved within

Sir Keight Joseph—There are a number of ways in which the cash flows of nationalised industries can be improved including, in partic-ular, higher productivity and ber-ter cooperation between manage-ment and the work force. In addition the investment programme can be increased by remined cash flow of the organizations to the extent that we can introduce pri-rate capital and reduce callins on the PSBR.

Mr Cyril Smith (Rotherham, L)Did sir William Barlow express a view as to what the Government's decision should be in relation to the monopoly of the postal service? Did Sir Keigh Joseph give him any indication as to what the decision might be? Did these consideration? have any effect on the resignation? Sir Keigh Joseph—That question must be for Sir William Barlow. As far as I aware, the answer is no. William Barlow is aware of my own thinking on the changes that might be introduced and I was certainly sware of his reaction to that thinking. I will be taking that

into account. Sir Paul Bryan (Howden, C)—Has Mr Dearing been warned of the truly catastrophic situation he will

Britain's trade with EEC better

than with the rest of world

cheers.

regretted: differences denied be taking over in 18 mounts. The Post Office is being sisked to pro-gide a service well beyond its unrequired in other countries

required in other countries.

Sir Keigh Joseph Mr Destring has unrivalled knowledge from outside the 'postal service of what the problems are which he will be facing since he has been a deputy secretary in the department, concerned with Post Office policy.

I do not share Sir Paul Bryan's river that the split will cause es catalysmic situation. Mr Destring has had the stalware character to take a one-way ticket out of the Choff Service into what will be a

Carli Service Into what will be a demanding and exposed job, and all credit to him.

all credit to him.

Mr John Gelding (Newcarileunder Lune: Lab)—Whereas the
Post Office Engineering Union has
strongly disagreed with Sir William Barlow over his opposition to industrial democracy, pay and the shorter working week, they believe he was right to oppose the overn-ment's policy of cash limits and creaming off the traffic to private wires and the taking away of the right to the exclusive service and to install and maintain equipment. Sir William has been right to defend the postal monopoly.

Sir Keith Joseph—I am glad that voices other than mine are raised in tribute to Sir William.

Mir Patrick Cormack (Sooth-West Statfordshire, C)—While we actually wish Sir William well in his personal future nor exercised. his personal fature, not everybody will be distraught by his departure. The one thing that he has manifestly failed to achieve has been a first-class postal service. Will he ask hir Dearing to give urgent attention to achieving a first-class nostal service or otherwise sholish. postal service or otherwise abolishing the non-sensical two-tier sys-

Sir Keith Joseph-I am not sure whether he appreciates the diffi-culties of chairmen of nationalized industries, particularly those where the idembership of the trade unions refuse to accept the advice unions refuse to accept the advice not only of their management but of their trade union leaders in proving the service to the pub-

Mr Les'le Hankfield, an Opposition spokesman on industry ham the Covern the most office. Sir Kertin Joseph has not had a good word to say about the Post Office.

How can be be complacent about the investment recognized the first the investment recognized the investment reco the investment programme when the latest figures show that 60,000

people have been waiting for tele-phones for at least six mouths? How does he expect Sir William Barlow to continue as chairman when Sir Ketth himself, by his own statements, continually undern confidence in the Post Office? Sir Kelth Joseph—I have sought to ropresent the public, the consumer's reaction, and I have had plenty of evidence that the consumers has been distantified with

Governa (1) seeking a change attitude

the wrong person to with British industry menace to its progress (Lab). Leader of the Government's domes Lord Peart moved House deplores the with which HM G conducting its done which are resulting inflation, continuing intranon, continuing cline, deterioration i of trade in manufacting memployment, i dustry to achieve ne ability and the er Walface Steet !! Welfare State."

He said the Govern try Bill would be c harm the country strategy. The recent dustry development a especially harm the Scotland and Wales. The story we see said) is Tory inact leading to disaster, areas of our country The Government The shocking cut and the increases it tion charges were

The Government light in seeking to thing which smelt vice in the best sen-The Karl of Ferrer

State for Agricult' and Food said Li blamed the Govern He reminded me Silver (he said) wh his hand taking 2 s thing he could see If the last Go stuck to the action prescribed instead an inflationary pre-the situation would Government and if mative if they were tion under control resources to create

industry. The only way Bri ing nation could selling goods abroa way they could do having enterprising profitable businesse The most impor of any business of was the people. B never made a profi ment was determine individuals to give and be responsiactions, and to cut cracy. They were

They were long-te question of altering The character i people was the cou single asset. What their organization, government had

The Governmen give of their best Sir Ian Gilmour Of course, that is right. It will not have excaped Sir right to be selfish. right. It will not have excaped Sir Anthony Meyer's notice that the Labour Party when in Government

dependent on cars
they liked it or no. In
This Government in Opposition always mrn against it. (Conservative cheers.) hands of those wi. sible.
They had suffer His answer about the balance of trade between the EEC and the two decades from the bureaucrats. output was now low in 1973. One ingredi of the people, wa ever. That was wh ment wished to 2

united between the EEC and the United Kingdom is misleading. The figures he used include trade in oil. If he looks at trade in manufactured goods Britain has suffered more and more as a result of membership of the EEC. (Labour cheers). opportunity to give for the benefit of 1 their country. Have the positive and substantial benefits to the balance of trade promised by Mr Heath at the time of the 1971 White Paper come Lady Scear (L) said be a multi-pronged this complex proble the money supply itself deal with claims and settle

Sir Ian Gilmour—Our economic performance in general declined sharply under the last Government. The fact remains we are doing better with the EEC than with the

Parliamentary notices

The Social Security (No 2) Bill was read a second time on Tuesday night by 299 votes to 244—Govern-ment majority, 55.

The export-import ratio of our trade with the Community went up from \$3 to \$6 per cent in 1978. Since 1973 our exports have increased by 350 per cent and elsewhere by merely 200 per cent. Sir Anthony Meyer (West Flint, C)—The judgment originally was that the cost of membership would

judgment not hold good today? (Labour laughter.)

Mr Jack Straw (Blackburg, Lab)-

tainly very much higher. Do

Mr Kevin McNamara (Kingston upon Hull, Central, Lab)—To what extent are we prepared to bargain on tish, energy policy and oor relationship with the monetary sys-

EEC and this Government has

every intention of seeing it con-

tiques to be so. (Conservative

Sir Ian Gilmour. We have said we do not believe in a package deal.
We believe all these issues should be decided on their own merits. Mr Robert Cryer (Keighley, Lab) -We are facing a £1,200m deficit in payments and a £2,500m deficit

There are other issues for the Community as a whole to resolve, such as the need to control the costs of agricultural surpluses and to modify the common fisheries in trade with the EEC, of which 2700m are accounted for by textiles alone. Have the Foreign Office any con-

tingency plans for either improv-ing this by seeking stern negotia-tions or by getting out, which is the only solution which most sen-Mr Mariow—There is a long list of problems. Will be confirm in one word that it would be imprudent for the Government not to have a sible people see as an alternative? Sir lan Gilmour-I know that is something that is concerning the Labour Party but it is not concern-ing us. (Labour cries of " Oh ".)

contingency plan based on the possibility that we do not get agreement and that we may, as a last resort, have to have some new form of association with countries of the Community than What Mr Cryer is ignoring is What Mr Cryer is agnoring is that our trading performance with the EEC is better than it it is with the rest of the world. (Loud Labour interruptions.) It is charac-resistic of the Labour Party that they do not like listening to facts the one we have at the moment? Sir Iau Gilmour—If I had to answar with one word, it would be "No." (Laughter.) I have told the House that I do not believe that what Mr Marlow is suggesting is a

Weight lifting at work

Mr Robert Cryer (Keighley, Lab) vent many damaging accidents. successfully sought leave to intro-duce a Bill to amend the Health and Safery at Work Etc Act 1974 to control the moving or lifting of heavy weights by employees. He sald by reducing the maximum weight to 112 pounds they

would save the nation money, pre-

better state of health, and release valuable NHS facilities for other

On average each year over 15 million working days were lost through industrial injury, far more than were lost through strikes.

The Bill was read a first nime.

keep more people at work in a

House of Commons
Today at 2.50; Employment Bull, report
thas day it Lords
Today at 5: Debate on CAP, SEC sucar
policy, sericalized cost churing and
price proposals. Debate on water
pollution.

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Lord Justice Roskill

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There was grave d

Institutional structure of EEC: Mr Jenkins leads calls for women members of Commission political institution the board. The inve the work of the Com was renewed and that it should hold a public debate in his pres-

Nothing should be done which rould lead to a weakening of the me independent initiator of Com-munity legislation. Mr Roy Jankins, President of the Commisdon, said in a debate on the functioning of the European institu-Commission, the Council of Ministers and the European Ministers and Parliament.

ment was asked to adopt was one from its Political Affairs Commit-ice which said that Parliament simuld ratify the appointment of the new EEC Commission which all take office at the beginning of next year, by a vote of confidence. He said the basic framework of the Community needed to be reasserted. The carefully balanced edifice of powers and respon-ibilities on which the Community

was based depended upon respect for its rules and the full-hearted support for its institutions. The Commission welcomed the on the need to ensure that the Commission, within the institurional balance, continued to exercise its political powers of imitative in full independence. That (he said) is our prime

responsibility. In the Commission's view any watering down or weaking of its right of initiative to the detriment of the Comright of initiative is the cenpart of the Commission's polimandate. It cannot be

to the full in the interests of the community. That we intend to do. Experience did not lead the Commission to think that !! should necessarily be smaller than the present one. It had been possible o function effectively as a college with 13 members.

with 13 members.

We are the continued) much less clear what the Commission would gain from being significantly larger. Further thought needs to be given before it is agreed that the Commission should from automatically so 17 members. arow automatically to 17 members, perhaps even beyond that. A suitable time for reflecting on

sion could reasonably hear could be after the entry of Gresce, which would increase the Commission to 14, but before the enlargeto include Spain and Portugal. It would be right for the new ommission of 14 members next

year to include one or more women. Before the present Com-mission was established he had worked to secure the appointment of at least one woman Commis-sioner, and he regretted that had not proved possible.

It was hoped that the new Commission would consider the Concept of a commissioner with special responsibilities for certain internal administration functions, including coordination. It was assential to strengthen and im-

Prove the machinery for internal coordination.
It was also essential that the next Commission could feel that it had been accepted by these who represented the people of the Community. It was difficult to see,

could be consulted about the Commission's policy before the new Commission took office. The Commission was a college and policy could only be agreed on the basis of discussions between all the members of the college.

The Political Affairs Committee

of the Parliament might be able to have a general exchange of viws with the President-designate informally. The time for public debate would be when the new Commission presented its policy programme to Parliament after taking office.

The role of any committees

rote of any committees created to assist the Commission in the implementation of the budget should be purely advisory. The Council did not agree, and was tending towards a position which would confer on it power greater than it had under the regional fund. regional fund committee model, The Commission was committed to seeing that when preparing its proposals for the Council it should been expressed in Parliament were carefully and regularly considered. The Commission was ready to do all it could to promote increased

consultation.
The debate was held on three sets of documents—a report by the Political Affairs Committee on relations between the Parliament, the Commission and the Com-munity, presented by Mr Jan Rey (Belgium, LD) a former President of the EEC Commission, a motion tabled by Mr James Scott-Hopkins (Hereford and Worcester, ED) on behalf of the European Democratic Group, and another report by the

institutional aspects of Greek accession to the Community presented by Herr Erik Blumenfeld (Germany, EPP). Mr Rey said that there was no use in Community institutions quarrelling. When they did so the Community marked time; there

was only progress when they got along well.

His report considered that the political role of the Commission should be emphasized. That was basic. Members of the Commission were not experts, high authorities or civil servants; they were political people accountable to Parliament. It was high time that the Commission contained women members. The Commission had existed in verious forms for 30 cars and so far no woman had been appointed to it. Political Affairs Committee (he said) feels that the time has come for this reform to be intro-duced without further delay.

He said it was also time to state more clearly that the commission was accountable to Parliament, although the committee was against Parliament deciding on the future policy of the Commission or on who the future Commissioners should be. The Political Affairs Committoe asked Parliament to resolve that the Commission's member-ship should be determined under the existing rules with a maximum number of 17 after the

ence ending with a vote of confidence ratifying his appointment.

In an explanatory statement, the committee stated that the workings of the Community insti-tutions had become more ponderous and threatened to get worse with the accession of the new member states. There was a pressing need to overhaul Community machinery and to insist on strict application of the treaties. The motion tabled by Mr Scott-Hopkins, based on the report on the European institutions sub-mitted in October, 1979, and known as the report of the three wise men, asked Parliament to insist that endorsement by Parliament should be required when the President of the Commission and the other Commissioners were

Council to make specific proposals to improve the machinery of poli-tical cooperation. He said that the Community institutions had to respond to the challenges of the 1980s, otherwise the Community would suffer. The Community had to reexamine and where necessary reform its insti-tutions.

appointed. It urged the European

I have yet to be convinced (he said) that we in this Parliament have made all that much progress towards solving our difficulties on the efficient despatch of our business. I have always helieved that the case for the increase in our powers can only he founded on the judicious use of our existing powers. My goodness, we have a long way to go.

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of world importance and dealing in detail with draft proposals which came from the Commission through the Council. He did not know how many draft directives were piling up, but Parliament was a long way behind time. Parlia-ment had not solved its problems yet, and until it had got things working smoothly the Council had to find a better way of coming to decisions. The decision-making process was not standing up, and he shuddered to think what would happen after the enlargement of Community. Parliament's powers would have to come in step with those of other institutions and with the increasing

authority of the Community in world affairs. We are suspicious (he went on) of all those procedures by which decisions affecting the future of the Community are taken in secret without recourse to Parliament. We are suspicious of the proliferation of the advisory committees to the Council. It has a tendency to impede or even obstruct the proper functioning of the Council

and the Council-Commission rela-Whatever the treaty might say, when adjustments were made to weighted votes for enlargement Parliament must be consulted.

for Greece was January, 1981, the election of MPs to the European Parliament would have to take place during that year. The Greek Parliament would appoint 25 Greek MPs prior to direct elections. This was a serious issue for the future of the European Parliament. MPs could not accept that Parliament would in future accept a mixture of directly elected and appointed

or meetry elected and appointed MPs.

Sar Emilio Colombio, in his first speech as President in Office of the Council of Ministers, said that member states of the Council had to work together to come to common agreement. They must adopt the same aims and ideals on the basis of their European commitment. Community instantions could make progress only if they were fully supported by the constructive assistance of the European Assembly. pean Assembly

The geographic, economic, and political scope of a Community with the membership of Portugal and Greece meant that the Community might far too essily be other side.

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sor Hans Küng lists the issues that he wants the church to debate

el theologian and the Catholic conflict

ins Küng, has made g comments on the solution to the lict between himofficial Church: ght for a Christianity re oriented towards of Jesus, for ecumeni-nding and for the Catholic Church, to the bound as priest, cholor.

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Dr Küng: A pledge to conlinue the fight.

consulting member of the com-mittee for doctoral degrees for my present and future graduato students. But this solution does students. But this solution does free me to devote myself once again to my true theological and scholarly tasks together with my co-workers in the institute, all of whom loyally supported me dur-ing this difficult period. For the sake of theology and also for the sake of peace in the university, it seemed to me under the given circumstances, as a theologian, to seemed to me under the given circumstances, as a theologian, to he irresponsible to take the matter to court and thus to involve both the university and myself in legal the university and myself in legal proceedings which could have for years and which could have incalculable consequences. S. My serious misgivings about the legality of the internal eccles-

instical proceedings have in no way subsided. In my view, the govern-ment of Baden-Wurttemberg is still under an obligation to investises in the Depart.

sublegy, to sit on ment of Baden-Wurttemberg is similar appointments. The gate whether the ecclesiastical complaint against me is even suf-

traine action requested from the state, for the bishops were clearly state, for the histops were clearly not concerned in my case about proper legal proceedings and a constitutive solution to the ques-tions, questions which were cer-tainly not invented by me. On the contrary, what they in fact demanded was that I discrow cer-tain setted matrice, and really tom critical inquiries and totally submit to a largely obsolete doc-irinal system. I was not able to reconcile such a thing with Ehristian freedom of conscience, nor with scholarly integrity, to which I have always fell myself hound as a Catholic theologian.

6. My case demonstrates with all requisite distinctoess that a tun-damental clarification is needed to decide whether after this direct lamian intervention, which was not covered by the Concordat, the con-stitutionally guaranteed freedom of research and teaching in Cathohe theology faculties is even still charred. My case is not an impact case; It has raised fundamental questions concerning the interpretation prevailing at present of the 1923 Concordat with Hitler. There is an increasing danger that the Catholic theringy departments in our state universities will become our state universities will become government financed ecclesiastical institutions and that their profes-ors, church-related public office will become an ecclesiastical funcwill become an eccreasyrear func-tion with a state salary. All of this raises the question whether a balance of rights and ducies on the part of both partners in the Concordat with reference to the Catholic theology faculties is guaranteed when the state has to hear all of the hurdays of such

guaranteed when the state has to bear all of the burdens of such collectastical measures. collectastical measures.

There has been much tendentious and incorrect reporting on the part of the official Church concerning the events of the last three months. I am therefore deeply grateful to my colleagues Norbert Greinacher and Herbert Haag for editing a comprehensive documentation, which will come documentation, which will come documentation, which will come out in April from Piper Verlag

Tubingen, the appeals of numerous Catholics and of Catholic groups and organizations, and finally also my own attempts to come to an agreement failed because of the intransigence of some representaintransigence of same representa-tives of the German episcopate. At the same time, the documentation will elucidate the background of, the responsibility for and the re-percussions of the "Kung case", which is in reality a "church biomerite case." hierarchy case ".

8. Therefore, the inner-university solution notwithstanding, the fundamental questions will stand and the debates are not going to cease; the question of infallibility, which has still not been answered by Rome and the bishops, remains. The question of how to preach the Gospel credibly today in the church and in the classmom remains. The question of ecumenical understanding hetween the Churches and of mutual recognition of their ministries and feucharist remains. Also remaining is the question of how the tasks of reform, which are burdening innumerable people, can finally be solved; these range from birth control, mixed marriage, divorce and sexual taboos to the ordination of women, forced celibacy and the catastrophic lack of priests resulting from both of these. Above all, the question to the administration of the Catholic Church remains: Where are you leading our church? Alone the nath of John 8. Therefore, the inner-university

Where are you leading our church? Along the path of John XXIII and Varican II towards a greater catholic breadth of scope, humaneness and Christianity? Or numaneness and Curistianity? Or along the path of Vailcan I and that of Pope Pius IX and Pope Pius IXI and Pope Pius IXI and Pope Pius IXI authorism Catholic ghetto? I still want to believe that in the end the spirit of true catholicity will triumph over the ghost of a Catholicism which is narrowly juridical tortidal descriptive. juridical, torpidly decrinaire and beset with both triumphallsm and

& Hans Küng 1980

Germans play in support of **BBC** musicians

Recklinghausen, April 16.— Musicians of the Westphalian Symphony Orchestra last night performed Beethoven's Choral Symphony as a gesture of sup-port for their British colleagues faced with loss of their jobs in the BBC's proposed

France pays homage to Jean-Paul Sartre

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, April 16

In his lifetime Jean-Paul Sartre obstinately refused any honours. In death they are being showered upon him. Only the three people who have been closest to him were by his bedside at Broussais Hospital. Paris, when he died last night. They were Arlette

el Kaim, his adopted daughter Liliane Siegel, his biographer and Simone de Beauvoir, his lifelong friend and associate In contrast thousands are cer-tain to visit his grave after his funeral on Friday at the Perc achaise cemetery, where so many of the great French artists and writers of the past

have been buried,
Although he was a thorn in
the side of the French Government over the years, President Giscard d'Estaing nevertheless paid tribute to his memory "I feel the disappearance of Jean-Paul Sartre like that of one of the great shining lights of intelligence of our time", M Raymond Barre, the Prime Minister, added his tribute to "a life and a work which have testified for freedom and the dignity of mankind."

General de Gaulle had per haps paid him the highest compliment of all during the student riots of May 1968, when Sartre added his prestigious support to the cause of the revolution and actively courted imprisonment. The general dismissed the very idea saying:

You do not arrest Voltaire.' It was his championship of thousand lost causes which in later years made Sartre so vehemently loved or hated, but almost always respected. The left-wing paper Libération, which he belped to found, pays tribute today to "the immense Sartre, who occupied the century as Voltaire and Hugo

did theirs."

M Francois Mitterrand, the Socialist leader who Sartre rather grudgingly supported during the 1965 presidential campaign, said he was "a man who stood upright when too many scholars bowed down. Israelis want to show film on princess, but deny playing politics

Jerusalem, April 16

Saudi Arabian anger at the recent screening of the controversial British television film Death of a Princess is certain to be further exacerbated by the disclosure that Israeli television is now considering buy-ing the film and planning to show it with Hebrew sub-

understand that senior Israeli television executives approached the ATV network earlier this week requesting a print of the film for showing at a private screening in Jerusalem. A final decision will then be taken on whether to put in a bid for the film.

Explaining the Israeli moves today, Mr Moshe Amirav, spokesman for the Israeli Broadcasting Authority said: We are interested in this film for professional rather the political reasons. It will be judged by the same crite. in ... the other foreign-made films which we regularly purchase for showing with sub-titles." The controversy over the film has attracted wide interest in Israel and has tended to confirm the view of most Israelis that the Middle East policy of European countries is dictated by an unwillingness to offend the main Arab oil producing states.

Israeli television executives deny that they have any mischievous intent in showing interest in the film: "The final judgment on whether we show will be a straight editorial and commercial decision", said Mr Amirav, "but if we do buy it, there is no doubt that it will get shown as our relations with Saudi Arabia could hardly get

any worse". Mr Amirav said that the decision would depend mainly on an assessment of the film's importance and interest for Israeli viewers. "There is an obvious reason for local interest as this film deals with life in a neighbouring country. As enemies, our connexion with the Saudis is much more direct than that of the Americans whose only connexion is oil."

Although the deal with ATV still has to be negotiated, there is a strong belief in Israeli political circles that Mr Actony Thomas's film will eventually get a showing here. For tech-nical reasons the earliest pos-sible date would be in about a month's time.

Meanwhile the Israeli press continues to report—in scathing detail—about European reaction to the film and the Saudis' complaints. Under a headline "Beg-ging the royal pardon." the English language Jerusalem Post today carried a long dispatch from its London correspondent Mr Hyam Corney, Having dealt at length about what he des-cribed as "the fawning British stance" to Saudi protests about

the film, Mr Corney concludes : "That the Saudis should be poset by a television programme which, accurately or otherwise. highlighted aspects of their civilization which displeased Westerners is not surprising. "What is disturbing however, the reaction in Britain-

official and otherwise-which has followed it. Cynics will say that it fits in to the whole pat-tern of Britain's Middle East diplomacy, with its traditional pro-Arab stance, particularly from the Poreign Office. It is an observation that is hard to contradict."

Dutch go ahead : Dutch television officials, refusing to bow to pressure from Saudi Arabia, today decidde to go ahead with tonight's scheduled broadcast of Death of a Princess.

Both the Government and Durch businessmen, fearful of losing lucrative deals with the Saudis, had lobbied strongly against showing the film.

The film depicts the love

affair and execution in 1977 of a Saudi princess and the man she secretly married despite her family's opposition. As a concession to the strong

objections from Islamic countries, the Dutch network said the Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the Netherlands and Muslim would representatives allowed to air their views after the film was shown.-Agence

China names two new deputy premiers

Peking, April 16.—The stand-ing committee of China's par-liament today appointed two new deputy premiers, Mr Zhao Ziyang and Mr Wan Li, the New China news agency reported. It also said a full meeting of the Parliament, the National People's Congress, would be held in August would be held in August.

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Mr Zhao Ziyang, aged 61, was
the party chief of Sichuan,
China's most populous province
and one of the richest. He is
regarded in diplomatic circles
as a potential future Prime
Minister. as a poi Minister.

He was appointed a member of the Communist Party standing committee in February, placing him seventh in the party hierarchy.

Mr Wan Li, aged 64 and a native of the east China province of Shandong, was deputy mayor of Peking before being purged at the start of the Cul-tural revolution in 1966. An economic expert, he was

named Railways Minister in 1975 and then served as party first secretary in the eastern province of Aphui from 1977 until coming to Peking recently. He was named a member of the secretariat of the Chinese party

in February. Mr Deng, aged 76, has been quoted as saying he would like to retire this year if the Parliament allowed it. He would, however, retain his post as vice-chairman and number

three in the party ranks. Army unrest: Serious opposition to the authorities has emerged in some units of the strategically vital Kunming military region bordering Vietnam, according to the People's Daily. The party newspaper said that "a small handful of people" among the troops bear savage hatrod against the

party's policies General Chen Jiagni and Mr Lu Fengge, a political com-missar, were said to have appealed for a firm struggle against the faction leaders.-Reuter and Agence-France Presse. Leading article, page 15

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found it impossible to resist the temptation to plant one of own in underhand between the broad shoulder of M Poniatowski, confident of President Giscard d'Estaing, who has been one

of their pet bates for years. Their support for the opposition's insistence that all the obscurities and contradictions of the Broglie affair should be cleared up, might be presented as a blow for clarity and justice. But by striking at the long-time friend of M Giscard d'Estaing, they were declaring open war on the President himself. This was M Poniatowski's own verdict on the

Gaullist manoeuvre. Relations between the Gaullists and their Giscardian allies in the government majority have suck again to a low ebb. The satirical weekly, Le Canard Enchaine, which two weeks ago set off the political bomb of what has become the Poniatowski affair, added fuel to the fire today by publishing from M Alain Peyrelitte, the Gaullist Minister of Justice, to President Giscard d'Estaing, on

Stalin and I will survive this"

At one stage in the proceed-

ings a cigar was also passed to Lord Kagan presumably for consumption later

He was led forward by his police escort and shrugged resignedly at one point when

the officer tugged sharply on the leash as if urging swifter

movement.

Maitre Jean-Pierre Karsenty

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"He says that a friend had

for at least two months, but two days later he was detained."

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These relevations are charged with as much political dynamite

reports on the Broglie affair. Dated January 9, the alleged confidential note of M Peyre Fine refers to M Chirac as " ambitious man who places his calculations and his resentments above the general good." and will stop at nothing to be elected, or to stop the reelecalliance with the Socialist candidate net year.

To detach those in Parliament, whom he allegedly describes as the Guallist "legitimists," who tend to support the President, from the Chiraquiens, the "legitimists" should be flattered, coddled, promoted, preferred and given a share of the spoils hitherto monopolized by the Giscardians.

This would isolate M Chirac and reduce the Chiraquiens to an inoffensive rump.

M Peyrefitte declared tonight that he assumed no responsibwrote or signed." But in Gualtist quarters, it is being said that the desertion of the Minister of Justice to the Giscardian camp has long been

suitable tactics to undermine the position of M Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader. Kagan believes he is

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Maitre Jean-Pierre Karsenty, one of his lawyers, told reporters: "I have been authorized by Lord Kagan to tell you that he will not request to be sent back to the United Kingdom while these proceedings are pending. He points out very firmly that he is innocent, saying that he was Kagan Textiles so bow, he asks, can he steal from Kagan Textiles. . . If the extradition proceedings are dropped then he would consider going back voluntarily; but he wants this to be his free choice.

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invited to visit Moscow

Bonn, April 16 President Brezhnev has asked

The Chancellor has not made up his mind and his decision will depend, among other things, upon the general state of East-West relations, Dr Armin Grunewald, a government spokesman, said.

Mr Brezhoev formally invited

the Chancellor to go to Moscow when he visited Bonn in 1976 and the trip was generally ex-pected to take place in the first two months of this year. Then the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan, East-West rela-

tions froze
After an exchange of letters between the two leaders in Feb-ruary and March West Government circles said that a visit by the Chancelor to Moscow would have little sense unless Moscow was prepared to do something to restore the balance of power between East and West.

"He has been a successful businessman and a friend of Sir Harold Wilson the former Prime Minister... He thinks that this is a kind of political revenge which is being taken against him. At the weekend, a few days after receiving the proposed date from Mr Vladimir Semyo nov, the Soviet Ambassador in Boon, the Chancellor put forward a suggestion aimed at getting negotiations going about reducing and balancing mediumrange nuclear missilies in Europe. Both sides, he said could refrain from deploying been in contact with someone high in the British Government on his behalf and was given an unofficial guarantee that he would not be arrested in France for at least two months but any more of these weapons for a certain number of years while

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at the last moment that BA

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be competing against ourselves

with what Sir Freddie Laker has called 'Mickey Mouse fares' when we had already

negotiated a good low fare."

Air France and British Air

ways are now trying to convince

other European airlines to

adopt the same fare structure as on the London-Paris route,

but they have already run up against determined opposition

Plans for a shuttle service by

British Airways and Air France between London and Paris, with

passengers walking on to the aircraft without booking and

paying the fare in flight, have

been put back by the succes; of

by Lufthansa and Swissair.

Bonn leader entrance for a peer of the realm, Lord Kagan said in passing when asked by the press how he was feeling: "I have survived Hitler, I have survived Hitler, I have survived Hitler, I have survived this."

Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, to visit Moscow in the early summer, it was disclosed today. The Chancellor has not made

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Pennsylvania primary next Tuesday holds the key to both Rebublican and Democratic nominations

Mr Kennedy fights crucial presidential test in the black ghettoes

From Patrick Brogan Philadelphia, April 16

Senator Edward Kennedy visited one of the slums of Philadelphia yesterday and the children loved it. It was as good as a circus. Some of their ciders were less impressed.

They're just here because of the election", a depressed, un-employed man in his fifties said. of You'll never see them when we need them. What do they care about black people? What have they ever done for us?"

This was in the heart of the black ghetto and the crowd's scepticism started with tele-vision, whose representatives were the chief attractions of the circus, and extended to Senator Kennedy, to the mayor of the city Mr William Green, and to various other public officials who were on hand to bask in the television lights and in the flickering glory of the last of the Kennedys.

The biggest cheer went to a black disc jockey from a radio station: "Jordan Woods, the man with the goods

The senator tried to affirm that he was different from other politicians, most notably from

From Michael Binyon Moscow, April 16

charlatanism".

The Soviet Communist Party

back swiftly at Dr Brezezinski's

claim on American television vesterday that the Russians were buildin gup their military forces near the Iranian frontier by accusing the White House

security adviser o f" political

The newspaper's former chief Washington correspondent said

Dr Brezezinski's "reliable in-

formation" was unfounded. Pravda said neither American spy satellites nor listening devices sited near the Soviet

frontiers could detect a con-

The newspaper accused Dr

ence Agency an the Pentagon. Meanwhile, it added, he was

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have been giving firm indica-tion that they will give Iran

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also begun to side publicly with Iran in its bitter quarrel with

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dranian opposition to Soviet in-tervention in Arghanistan:

But in the present tense in

ternational situation. Moscow

now feels it has no alternative

but to support Iran in its foud with the Americans. This diverts the world's attention

from Afghanistan. More im-

portantly. Soviet security and ideological interests cannot

ideological interests cannot allow the Americans to reestab-

Los Angeles, April 16 Every weekend Kenneth

Every weekend Kennern Cowan carefully climbs a 20ft Ladder on to the roof of his cone-storey home in a Los Angeles suburb and meticu-

Jously mows his lawn.

Mr Cowan is not a little soft in the head or another one of

shose California kooks whose

antics are chronicled from time

very simply grown a 3,000 sq ft

mixed blue grass lawn on the

roof of his home in the suburb

of Encino, not for asthetic pur-

poses but as a rather remark-

"It has worked beautifully

so far," Mr Cowan says. " In the

middle of summer we noted that our electricity bill was cut by

almost two-thirds. We're keep- said.

energy

measure.

From Ivor Davis

Several sharp disagreements fur now divide Moscow from the new Islamic regime, including is the breakdown of talks on a wi

dilemma there.

the United States. They have

Moscow is extremely nervous

In thepast week the Russians

plans for interventions.

centration of Soviet troops.

build-up along

Russia denies military

its frontier with Iran

Mr Jimmy Carter. "I pledge ferent comment. "All they can myself", he shouted, "that as talk about is health, education President of the United States, and welfare. We know all I will do my best to improve the quality of life in the cities of the united States."

Certainly, the quality of life in West Philadelphai is no better than that in the south Bronx in New York or in the ghettos of Chicago, Detroit, Washington or Atlanta. The patches of worn grass there glitter with broken glass, the buildings reek of decay and the new high rise apartment blocks have the look of fortresses in

"There's no one comes out here after dark", the man said, "they'd get iheir throats cut. They break the lights in the elevators and mug people. You daren't go in the stairs, you'd get murdered for 50 cents."

no-man's land.

Mr Kennedy and Mr Green were promising hope and prosperity to the front of the crowd (their words were quite in-audible further back) and the man said: "Nobody around here wants to be on welfare, we don't want food stamps. What they want is jobs ". Another man offered a dif-

lish their predominant position in Iran. That would be seen as a direct threat to the Soviet

Union itself, and would bring

a superpower conflict in Afghanistan that much closer.

sians are on record as opposing the holding of American host-

ages, they have now ceased to

mention this aspect of the con-flict, and accuse Washington

simply of seeking a pretext for armed intervention in the Gulf.

Moscow has also glossed over Iran's suport for the Afghan rebels and its recent decision

But Iran's growing conflict

with Iraq, a country long linked to the Soviet Union by a formal

Ethiopia and Somalia, the Kremlin is trying hard to avoid

coming down on one side of the other. But as in the Horn of

Africa, it looks as though Mos-

stronger side—especially as Iran borders the Soviet Union.

have become increasingly dis-illusioned with President Sad-dam Husain's tough anti-com-

munist regime in Iraq. The

Nevertheless the Russians would be extremely reluctant

to side openly with Iran, whose

Government they regard as un-stable and ideologically hostile.

against a country they are

bound to assist by a treaty of

Already two Arab countries-

Egypt and Somaliz-have re-

nounced similar treaties with

Moscow, and the Russians do not want their influence in the

Arab world to diminish still

At a time when the Kremlin

scriously worried by the der repercussions of its

Afghanistan adventure and is

now tying to repair some of the

political damage in Europe and

the Third World, it cannot afford an escalation of tension

with the West and with the

And so, in spite of the vigor

ous unti-American propaganda

campaign, the Russians would probably be very willing to en-

courage a diplomatic solution

to the hostage crisis, and may be ready to work behind the scenes to obtain one.

ing a close eye on our gas bills

He bought the house in 1979

and decided to put sod on the

roof after being bombarded by

local authorities to save energy by insulating walls and roof.

by insulating walls and roof. He carefully planted the lawn

with 70 tons of cay and grass

seed and added an assortment

be quite tricky manipulating the mower around the chimney,

and you have to watch your

hours who tell him to weed his

roof. "But at least we won't

have to clean up any dog mess

on our lawn like they do," he

Mr Cowan admirs he takes

lot of kidding from neigh-

"It grows beautifully," he ys, "but I must admit it can

of plastic sprinkler pipe.

to see if they go down.

Islamic world over Iran.

friendship.

further.

Gardener who climbs on his

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Olympics.

the information, suggesting that treaty of friendship, puts Mos-it had been worked out with cow in a dilemma. As when thehelp of the Central Intellige fighting broke out between

And so, although the Rus-

about that. What I wanted to hear about is politics. What does be propose to do about Iran? What has he got to say about the Middle East?" This man, for one, had heard politicians promices to improve the slums so often and to so little effect, that he has lost

This is Kennedy's last stand and he must win the votes of the poor blacks of the Phila-delphia slums if he is to carry Pennsylvania in the primary next Tuesday. The support of the mayor, an old friend who announced his accession to the

is essential to the senator. He hopes it would do him more good than did the support of Mrs Jane Byrne the Mayor of Chicago, whose own considerable unpopularity cost him many votes in the Illinois primary a month ago.

is very popular in Philadelphia, Fortunately for him, Mr Green is very popular in Philadelphia, particularly among blacks, who rejoice in the as mayor, Mr Frank Rizzo. In 1976, victory in the Penn-

volutionary Council is consider-

ing the postponement of the

parliamentary election by one week, the Pars news agency

seen as vital to the process to-

said today. The election is wards a possible release of the

The postponement was hinted at in the midst of growing ten-

sion between Iran and Iraq over

reports that the Baghdad authorities had killed Ayatollah

Sadr, a prominent Shiite leader.

several columns of troops moved closer to the Iraqi bor-der while relief officials began

evacuating nearly 20,000 Iranian

refugees from Iraq, encamped

near the border. In the Gulf, Iranian naval

units kept guard at the three islands of Abu Musa and Greace

and Lesser Tumbs, whose sovereignty is disputed by Iraq. —UPI.

EEC sanctions: The EEC has

the legal power, under the Treaty of Rome, to impose

trade sanctious on Iran even

though some member states, such as Britain, have no national legislation at present

Four killed and

30 wounded in

sources said at least 30 were

The Muslim world's largest

Shifte communities are in Iran, Iraq and Lebanon and the Beirut fighting emphasises the

close links between Muslims in

the three countries. Fighting between Shiites and

pro-Iraqi groups began yester-

day during a strike in protest

ance of a religious leader from

Shirte holy city of Najaf, south of Baghdad. At least one per-

against the reported disappear

wounded.

Iranian heavy artillery and

50 American hostages.

sylvania primary assured Mr Carter the nomination. If he defeats Mr Kennedy here next stantial block of delegates to week the senator's last hopes will be gone, and he will have to find a way of graciously conceding defeat and rallying behind Mr Carter in the fight against Mr Ronald Reagan.

Pennsylvania is equally im-portant for the Republicans. It is as much Mr George Bush's last stand as Mr Kennedy's. Mr John Anderson is no longer a serious contender for the Republican nomination, and is not running here. The two races are now two-man affairs, with the second man in each case in desperate straits.

The cold arithmetic shows that Mr Bush has no real hope of beating Mr Reagan, even if he wins here, unless Mr Reagan makes a fatal mistake. But if Mr Bush is defeated on Tues-day, he will be unable to benefit from this hoped-for but unkely miracle.

Pennsylvania likes to call itself the keystone state, the link between New England and the South during the exciting days of the American Revolution. Its key position in this year's pri-maries is largely formitous.

It is a big heavily industrial ized state, which chooses a subeach of the party conventions, and its primary comes after those of three other, similar states (Massachusetts, Illinois, and New York) and before the rest of them hold their elections

late next month and in the

grand finale on June 3. Mr Kennedy won in Massachussetts, lost badly in Illinois, and won again, both surpris-ingly, in New York and Connecticut on the same day. has lost everywhere else (except in Arizona last week) and Mr Carter, who has more than half the delegates he needs to win the nomination, is far ahead of him. He is likely to

do better than Mr Kennedy in the late primaries in the West. Mr Kennedy must win a clear victory in Pennsylvania and the remaining industrial states if he is to get within striking distance of the President.

So he is campaigning ceaseleasly. Yesterday he talked to lewish leaders, to slum dwelinterviews on every television and radio station lers, to a convention of trade unionists, to a big fund-raising that could be persuaded to hear him. He even gave an inter-view to a school newspaper in the slum.

He is following the same programme today, and tomorrow, and every day until the primary. He started it immediately after Easter and is showing amazing stamina and enthusiasm in carrying his message to the electorate.

The Carter people have re-leased one of their opinion polls which shows that the senstor is a few points ahead of the President in Pennsylvania. Nobody believes polls very much any longer; a few days before the New York primary, Mr Carter was reopried to be far ahead. Mr Kennedy won, handsomely.

The Kennedy people are ner rously speculating on what good news Mr Carter can announce just before the primary. He has managed to produce some striking event before any primary event so far, but he has been conspiculously absent from the campaign, and it is beginning to hurt him.

may impose sanctions unilater ally in the absence of a Com-

also expected to favour this approach, Mrs Thamber having

already committed herself to supporting the Americans.

France remains the least en-

thusiastic for joint action, partly because of its traditional

to an American tune and partly

because it considers that sand

tions would permanently alienate those elements in Iran

favourable to closer relations with the West without making

the release of the hostages any

more likely. There is support

An alternative legal possi-bility, in the Commission's view,

would be action under Article

224. This article accepts that

in certain circumstances, in-cluding "serious international

tension constituting a threat of war", individual member states

may be required to take

measures with implications for the functioning of the Com-

motion offering President Carter moral and practical sup-port, apparently resented Mr Scott-Hopkins's alleged failure

to consult him about the terms

of the European Democratic Group motion. Words were

exchanged that will not be

quickly forgotten by both sides.

Parliament suspended its sit-

ting while group leaders met to

have second thoughts. Signor

Colombo came to the rescue

by offering to make a formal statement on Iran today.

for this view

Britain is

munity agreement.

US coordination w the allies fails again

Can America justify its anger cut to find a quick at the allies for their made for Irenian oil and a quare support in the new numbers of firms in Iranian crisis? Who was the huge public works party responsible for the disheartening show of disarray in the elliance after the sudden breaking up of negotiations on the fate of the hostages? Having often been accused.

as a political commentator of being blindly pro-American. I must say that I consider the show of bad temper and bad manners from the White House, since the crisis flored up again, to be a disgraceful performance, which is damaging the alliance These are serious matters, which must be examined with great earnesmess and urgency, in order to understand the reasons why the Western partners foun themselves once again marching out of step. Remedies for this sorry state of affairs must be urgently found. But being rude to each other will not help.

On this side of the Atlantic, many of us felt that we were being submitted, on the Iran-crisis, to a blind, horand-cold shower treatment. We were first asked to break economic relations, then to wait for the result. of United Nations mediation; then to get ready for action again, only to be asked to pause once more while a new, rather secretive series of contacts was being established between America and President Baui-

To the very end of March, according to the highest American sources the transfer of hostages to the Revolutionary Council was considered limitnent and certain. Then, sud-denly, all efform failed and America's envoys to a few dinestructures conveyed similar friendly ultimatums. to United States alices asking them to fall in line and to go on the warpath at once. Unless they proclaimed a baycott of Itsu, they were trid, America would go to war, and theirs would be the responsibility.

Unacceptable breach of law

Of course, all America's allies have many vital interests in common. They want to support-their offended leader, and to be seen to do so; they want to punish Iran for its unacceptable breach of international law; Dr Bernard Liebeskind-(right), a Red Cross representative, talking to hostages in the United States Embassy in Tehran. they want to give a warning to the whole Middle East and beyond, as far as the Soviet Union, that America and the West Germany is pressing for West are not "paper tigers", whose tails can be freely action under Article 113; and as it already has the necessary national legislation in force.

But America's allies find hemselves in widely differing individual situations. Even among the Nine, some have almost no citizens left in Iran and import little or no oil, and the rejume of their exports to Irin is insignificant. Others

where hundreds or es ands of their natio working at present. easy, even for the Ni things exactly alike a ordinate action. In these democratic the general public mu pered to support a action which involves able sacrifices and ris case of the Iran crisis no preparation, for x reason that even alliments were left in th America. This will remembered as a text of lack of coordination formation between a

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America's diplomat in Europe has no ir connexion (outside Ne le no regular excha-formation, as takes between the Nine. T crisis has proved (just as in the case stan) that traditional channels are totally channels are unanterior these difficult in If America today never before in the r point that their seven make all the di tween peace and war ways must be form the track it may be form the tracking a foreign policy into a exercise? If it is America's allies a short-inhead short-sighted and quent tendency to do the dirty work behalf, it becomes important that the relations between ant parmers and

transformed and inc Until this happe an urgent need increased exchanges tion and more imconsultations throu and ad hor diplo nels. Otherwise it again and again th will be furious for the who will be equally America for her changes of mood as and for her sudd tory and sometime

at each other, it that we start a serie analysis of what is tions, and on how

twisted. sole demands.

would find it extremely diffi- @ Times Newspape

Ireland urges Israel to control Christian milit

From Christopher Walker Jreusalem, April 16

Mr Sean Ronan, the Irish Ambassador to Israel, today called on the Israeli Govern-ment to exercise more effecrive control over the Israelibacked Christian militia forces ing to the recent violent harassment of Unifit, the United Nations peace-keeping force there, of which Irish troops form a part

In an interview with The Times, Mr Roman said:
"Major Haddad simply has to be einstructed to desist from actions of this kind so that the United Nations soldiers can concentrate fully on their difficuit peace-keeping task. I believe that Israel has it in its power to do this."

The ambassador emphasized that last year, in correspondence with Mr Jack Lynch, who dence with Mr Jack Lynch, who was then Prime Minister of the Irish Republic, Mr Menaghem Begin, Frime Minister of Israel, had acknowledged that Israel formally supported Mr Haddad (leader of the Christian militia) and had influence over him.

him. Mr Ronan's appeal came afte Mr Ronan's appeal came after the death in a Haifa hospital of Private Stephen Griffin, aged 21, a member of the Irish battalion of Unifil, who, was shot in the head during an attack launched by Christian gunmen early last week in a disputed Lebanese village. For the past two weeks, there have been numerous battles

between the militia and Irish troops. Major Haddad accuses Palestinian terrorists. On Monday the renegade Lebanes army officer, whose men are expulsion of the IriPrivate Griffin's
was caused by unprunwarramed shellin.
Nation's positions
Heddad's forces."

said. "It is an situation He added

attempts by militia held enclave appea related directly to Palestinian atrack o border kibbutz. Mr Ronan has t formal complaints to Foreign Ministry at in south Lebanon

Israeli incursion—ar meetings with M Shamir, the Foreign and Mr Ezer We Defence Minister. During his meetir. Shamir, the Iri-defended his C defended his against strong critical attitude to the Palesi tion Organization at ment made in Pebri Brian Leniban, Foreign Minister, w

the PLO in repres ernment will contain Troops to stay: The moops for Unitil Holohan writes from But it has "incress to question " whethbasic condition, that operation and accepts
Government concer forthcoming Mr Le

the Dail today. He said that while erment felt the difficult it was their

Cuban refugees arrive in Costa Rica

- San Jose Costa Rica, April they disembarked, but then 16.—An airliner carrying 152 began running towards reportubans screaming "freedom, ters to tell their stories, shoutfreedom" arrived today on the first leg of an evacuation of the 10.800 Cubans who took refuge in the Peruvian Embassy in Havana. "Viva Costa Rica", the Cubans shouted as they step-.pcd off the aircraft and flashed

the victory sign. Senor José Luis Fernandez. aged 36, the first man off, said he took refuge in the embassy two weeks ago because President Castro "is giving the people away to communism". Senor Fernandez, unshaven and wearing a tattered grey jacket. hrothers and a sister. He wanted iro go to Miami because " there's freedom in the United States

"Down with Castro", and

" Freedom, freedom, freedom ". Most of the Cubans appeared to be men and women in their late 20s and early 30s, though there were about 15 children, Persons. including a baby. They were met at the airport by President Rodrigo Carazo Odio, then

Senor Alberto Reves, a taxi driver who left with his preg-nant wife, said their three children and his father were in Havana, "but my father is a communist and he's no father

and there's no liberty in Cuba. Cubans who first broke into to accept some of the refugees. The Cubans looked dazed as the Peruvian embassy, killing a -UPI. AP.

Cuban policeman, to leave the island. One refugee, Senor Pedro Ignacio Paulas, a deaf mute, grabbed a reporter and wrote on his note pad that he was President of the Havana Province Association of Deaf

"My parents, my brothers, n; sisters, my little niece, are all deaf mutes also. I want to go to Miami because I're heard that they have sports, like baseball."

The aircraft was one of two sent by Costa Rica to fetch 253 of the Cubans, starting opera-tion "Bridge of Freedom". It is reported from Ctrawa Many of the refugees were that Canada will accept up to concerned that President 300 refugees. Argentina has Castro would not allow the 25 announced that it is willing

Mr Carter sets May deadline for allies to act From David Cross

Beirut fighting

Beirut, April 16.—At least four people died today in fighting. between Lebanese supporters of Iraq and Iran. Heavy machine guns, rocket-propelled grenades and light automatic weapons were used. Supporters of the ruling Washington, April 15 Senior White House officials confirmed today that mid-May is tthe target date by which President Carter expects his Supporters of the ruling Iraqi Baath Party fought Shiite Japanese and West European militants backing the Islamic revolution of Ayatollah Khomeini, Witnesses put the death toll at four, and hospital allies to have joined the United States in imposing strict sanctions against Iran. Confirmation of the date fol-

lows a spate of conflicting new reports here and abroad over a series of messages transmitted to the allies recently, which spell out details of when and how Mr Carter hopes and expects the allies to act.

The Boston Globe reported today, for example, that the United States was prepared to impose a naval blockade of Iran by the week of May 11 if the American hostages were still being held by the Iranian mili-tants at that time. That report was quickly denied by a White

House spokesman. The senior officials explained that President Carter wanted FEC member countries to introduce economic sanctions as quickly as possible, preferably when EEC foreign ministers when EEC foreign ministers meet next Monday and Tuesday.

At the same time the United States was already considering the introduction of other nonmilitary sanctions against Iran, although it was not yet clear whether these would be introduced in the immediate future or in a eek of two's time. The officials have declined to spell our what these measures

cede that they would be diffi-If the diplomatic and economic sanctions introduced by the United States last week and new economic measures en-visaged for the allies fail to break the deadlock over the fate of the hostages, then the Africa's severe doubts, that the allies will be expected to move zone, 100,000 square kilometres on the diplomatic front (3,800 square miles), can be

would consist of, except to con-

Strasbourg squabble over motion to back America

From David Wood Strasbourg, April 15

Tehran leaders consider postponing election

Tuesday to discuss the Com- national competence. Such

munity's response to President action would have the force of

Carter's call for support of daw in member states.

embargoed until the American

hostages in Tehran are released.

. The Commission considers that action by the EEC could

be taken most effectively under

Article 113 of the Rome Treaty,

tions with the outside world as

require the Commission to put

forward a proposal specifying

the type of trade sanctions to

be imposed. This would then

ave to be approved by a qualified majority (weigh-

ted according to size of popula-

Ministers, representing national

governments.

Mr Roy Jenkins, the president of the Commission, who is

worried about the damage which

failure to act could do to EEC

relations with America, argues strongly that the Commission should take the initiative. He

appears to have the support of

most of his colleagues. How-ever, a final decision will prob-

ably be delayed until next week-

Community rather than a

which establishes trade rela-

Tehran, April 16.-Iran's Re- in force which would enable and medicines should be

them to do so, the European Commission decided here today (Michael Hornsby writes from Strasbourg).

In the light of this decision

it is expected that the Commis-

sion will submit a proposal for trade sanctions to EEC foreign

ministers when they meet in Luxembourg on Monday and

The foreign ministers are

not expected to reach a final

decision, but it is hoped that

they will be able to clear the ground for one to be taken at

the EEC summit meeting on

April 27 and 28. At that meet-

ing, the Iran situation is likely to push Mrs Margaret Thatcher's demand for a

reduction in Britain's contribu-

into second place.

tion to the Community's budget

their allies to join them in implementing the United Nations Security Council reso-

lution, vetoed in January by

the Soviet Union. This declares inter alia that the sale to Iran

of all goods other than food

The Americans have urged

Signor Emilio Colombo, until few days ago a member of the European Parliament and now acting president of the EEC Council of Ministers, today rescued Strasbourg MEPs from the bathos of trivial group quarrels about an urgent debate this week on the release of American hostages in Tehran and the threat to world peace.

After heated words by political grou pleaders in the privacy of the Parlament's managerial bureau, with Mr James Scott-Hookins. the Conservative Hopkins, the Conservative leader, and Mr Ernest Glinne, rhe Belgian leader of the Socialist Group, at each other's throats, the quarrel over Iran broke out again in the Cham-

Mr Glinne, whose group was Mr Glinne, whose group was with Lord Carrington, the badly split over the issue of Foreign Secretary (our Diplo-

That statement, and the European Democratic Group's emergency motion, will be debated tomorrow afternoon when there will be a full House and an overwhelming vote in support of President Carter. Envoy returns: Mr John

Graham, the British ambassador in Tehran, flew back to his post last night, after consultations

Mr Glinne, whose group was with Lord Carrington, the badly split over the issue of Foreign Secretary (our Diplo-an emergency debate on a matic Correspondent writes).—

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by Israel, investment to use: Nations peace-keepin. It Unita upsets plan for Namibia border zone

monitored successfully by the proposed 7,500-strong United From Ray Kenneds Nations. Under Secretary-General who led a mission to South Dirico, further pecome annual events

Johannesburg, April 16 The plan by the United Nations Transitional Assistance Nations to establish a 100-kilometre (62-mile) deep demilita-

Group (Untag) force which will keep South African troops and rized zone along the borders of Namibia and Southern Angola guerrillas of the South-West African Peopel's Oroganization has been set back severely by (Swapo) apart during the run-up to United Nations-supervised Unita, the Angolan resistance movement launching its autumn elections and independence. offensive and capturing from But the United Nations has government MPLA forces the

refused to deal with Unita in the DMZ negotiations despite border town of Cuangar. The DMZ project is a critical element of the United Nations design to achieve internationally acceptable independence for Namibia. It envisages, despite South

the fact that the movement enioys considerable popular support in Southern Angola and extends its influence deep into the country, which is substan-tiated by its ability to have kept the Benguela railway closed since independence in 1975. Mr Brian Urquhart, a United

Africa last month to by to break the 14-month-old deadlock in regotiations on Namibian independence, said that the mission would talk only with the legal governments of the countries involved.

heim, the Secretary General.
Units's capture of Cuangar. on the banks of the Kavange poised to article C. River which forms part of the Direct, probably we border with Nambia, and the next two to three week

But Dr. Jones Sevinibi. Units leader, has declared that without his organizatation the DMZ will never become 2 reality and has sent messages to this effect to Mr Pieter Botha, the South African Prime Minister, and to Dr Kurt Wald-

Unita's offensive with the start of sesson in the region Reports from Windl cel of manibia, code on the Namibian sic Kavango River oppos ger; as seying the securiced the roym or weed with rockets be ing in groops The mwn fell after t an hour of fierce figh believed that dinits

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1 Guest Column

Virginia Novarra, lawyer,

administrator and author of

Women's Work. Men's Work

The Ambivalence of Equality "*

contributes this week's article.

When a woman is asked " Do you work?"

what the questioner wants to know is

women which it is difficult to over-

In my hook* I examine the historical origins and the present state in the indus-

trialized West of the great division of work into "men's" and "women's", and

the processes by which women's work has become almost invisible in terms of social

seen as work par excellence.

human activities.

worth while men's work has come to be

This might he epitomized in the obser-

ration that while we still speak of the process of childbirth under the old-fashioned term "labour", no one would ever think of referring to it as "work".

although it involves a great expenditure of energy in what might be thought one of the most fundamental and purposeful of

Other essential tasks are also carried

nut by women: feeding people; clothing them; tending the weaker members of

nciety, such as children, the sick and the

old: educating the young; and maintain-

ing the dwelling as a place of comfort

and ease. Even when women do these

things as employees they are not well

that what they do is always remunerated and that it carries a certain prestige re-

gardless of its value to the community. While much of "men's work" is useful, a great deal of it, I argue, is more like

lessure in that it consists of doing things

which are both inessential and enjoyable.

Associated with these sex-linked arrange-

ments for work are three extremely signifi-

is organized exclusively around a male lifestyle (implying female support ser-

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the prospect of a transport strike. But av municipal under-ains in Tokyo and

cities were again according to timethe afternoon union presenting workers national railway led off their nationwhich had crippled ce and overland com-

ices for a few hours

e terms of the agreerailway workers will average monthly pay £21. This will raise by 6.6 per cent. Anderson, an Ameri who had been the protracted strike rt workers in New he was amazed by of the strike in

re told they were ike when we arrived days ago. I told my get ahout our plans g through Japan by ie strike began this nd was cancelled s. This would never New York. These w what it is all

strike, an annual vril, did little to diseconomy. Millions nd factory workers to their desks and last night, putting their companies ontforts of home. r part the trade vised by realistic instructed railway allow all trains erishable goods to ing the strike.

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Six big Indian banks are nationalized in surprise decision

From Richard Wigg Delhi, April 16 Mrs Indira Gandhi, the

Indian Prime Minister, left Deihi today for the Zimhabue independence celebrations, leaving behind a financial com-munity astounded by the Government's decision night in nationalize six large indian banks. It was the first economic decision with real bite since she was returned to power in the January general

A total of 20 large banks are now in the public sector, representing more than 90 per cent the country's hanking. a halt to support a or a pay increase ove the projected 6.4 in Calcuta today that there is no proposal to nationalize the commuters were re-Mr Pranab Kumar Mukherji,

them is Grindlays. hours of negotiations was called off ore it began.

There was strong criticism of the surgicism of the surgi

the surprise decision taken at a specially summoned Cabinet meeting last night before Mrs Gandhi's departure, Nervous unloading on the Bombay Stock Exchange today reflected the shock seen through the business community which had been expecting more pragmatic measures from Mrs Gandhi and

her team of economic ministers. Mr H. S. Singhania, the president of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry said the decision was both "sad and bad" and would disturb the investment climate.

It was sad Mr Singhania said because many urgent economic problems were crying out for compensation has yet been solution, among them the officially mentioned.

nationalized banking sector's standard of service to the country. He accused Mrs Gandhi's Government of frittering away its mandate on policies which had already been proved un-successful.

This was a reference to the nationalization in 1960 of 14 large banks by Mrs Gandhi which split the Congress Party. President Sanjiya Reddy signed the nationalization ordinary large large single under the lonis. nance last night under the legis-lative powers the constitution gives him when Parliament is in recess. Subsequent parlia mentary approval is required, but Mrs Gandhi's overwhelming majorny in the Lok Sabha certain to ensure the

nationalization.
Asked before she left what was the purpose of more bank nationalization. Mrs Gandhi replied: "The same as before, money for the essential programmes for the economically weaker sections of the nation." There is no doubt that the candidates of Mrs Gandhi's Congress Party will use this nationalization of the "money lenders" as one of the princi-pal vote-getting arguments in

in nine states. Studies of patterns in rural India by the nutionalized banks since 1969 have shown a big expansion of rural credit but it has gone mainly to the bigger farmers Congress politicians know that

next month's assembly elections

full well Several of the banks national-ized last night, like the Andhra and Punjab and Sind banks, have been located in parts of the country which have witnessed considerable prosperity during the 1970s. No figure of

US serviceman shot dead by Turkish terrorist group

Ankara, April 16

American servicemen and a Turkish civilian today in the fashionable Istanbul suburb of

The serviceman, identified by Turkish sources as Mr Sem Novello of the United States were walking from Mr Novello's flat when three men fired at them. Both were killed instantly. The gunmen were escaping on a motor cycle when they ran into a police patrol car. There was a brief exchange of fire and the men escaped, wounding one officer.

Two more brief gunfights took place before the extremists were finally cornered in the Emirgan seaside area. They were all finally arrested

and identified as members of the clandestine Marxist-Leninist Armed Propaganda Unit, which is an offshoot of the Turkish People's Liberation Front. a rural guerrilla organization founded in the early seventies by Mr Mahir Cayan, a student

It was the fifth time that people claiming to belong to this group had chosen American victims since the beginning of 1979.

Paratroops are banned from Hongkong bar

From Richard Hughes Hongkong, April 16

A celebrated Australian bar A spin Hongkong, Ned Kelly's Last forces Stand, is now out of bounds to were dressed in civilian clothes all garrison soldiers from the lat Bartalion of the Parachute military police arrived, so they

troops-in uniform or civilian clothes—should be banned from their premises, It is likely that Major-General Sir Roy Redgrave, the Commander of British Forces in Hongkong,

will extend the ban. The free-spending soldiers "Because of this and on leave from their arduous because their term is nearly night-and-day duties guarding the border against illegal entrants from China, have China, have recently been involved in many disagreeable incidents. They

have not concealed their identity.
At Ned Kelly's Last Stand, nine soldiers urinated into The Waltzing Matikia, are beer glasses and one jumped among the six other Hongkong up on in a bar table and defe-bars which also want to keep cated into an ashtray. All the British parachute soldiers

employees and their families are by contrast well fed, receiving at lest 40th of rice each month as well s fish, chicken and vegetables. Such

penerous rations appeared to be part of the authorities' efforts to create a loyal

efforts to create a loyal administration.

Phnom Penh and other big towns were being adequately fed, but the needs of the

countryside—where most of the population live—were

largely ignored.
Food was seen to be rready

The field officers found that

stormed out of the bar, refus-A spokesman for the British orces said: The soldiers

Regiment. were not identified.
Six other popular bars have "The British Parachute also requested that the British Regiment is here on three months' reinforcement and has worked hard and very well along the border. They certainly did not come here to play around and have bad little or no opportunity to see anything of the real Hongkong.

up, they have been getting some rest and recuperation. It is unfortunate that a small number of the 700 may have been involved in these incidents."

Two partner Australian bars on each side of the harbour, The Waltzing Matilda, are pondents that he spoke with authorities on Monday and it appeared likely he would be allowed to leave the Soviet Union.—UPI. d little information. I other drinkers and snack-eaters off their premises.

for distribution in urban ware-houses and at lest 1,500 vehi-cles provided by Western aid organizations, plus others from

Russia and Vietnam, were available to transport it, but

the vehicles frequently tra-velled empty or with pre-sengers including Vietnamese soldiers, the reports said.

Field officers said they had been baffled for mouths by the

destination of food as supplies from sporage centres some-

ief men tell of well-fed Kampuchea officials

President's mother speaks up for women

From Ian Murray Paris, April 16

At the age of \$1 Mrs Lillian Carter, a trained nurse from Plains, Georgia, read her first speech in public this morning. It had been carefully prepared for her, she admitted afterwards, because she did not want to say anything which might embarrass her son, who moved in 1976 from Plains to the White House, Washington.

Mrs Carter's speech at the opening of the two-day high level conference on the employment of women at the Organization of Economic Conperation and Development headquarters here, was therefore short and very much to the point. In her view it had to be. "Everything I say is on limmy's desk the next morn-Her son had in jact asked her to attend the conference and when it is over the will he operation and Development and when it is over the will be the first to report back to him on what has been said. Mr Ray Marshall, the American Secrereport afterwards. "Jimmy listons to me first and then they do, what they think is right", Mrs Carter said.

The conference has been called to study the implications of the growing workforce of women and to see what measures countries belonging to the OECD might adopt to trackle problems such as unemploymest and discrimination.

Discrimination is not some hing of which Mrs Caster bas have not allowed myself to be a victim of it, she said. "I have never been discriminated against." Nevertheless she had he:rd of cases where discrim ination had occurred and she we rooted to say that her son was doing everything he could to see that it was stamped out in America.

She was not aware that there was any criticism of what her son was doing. "In Plains they are all with Jimmy and they don't argue with me", she

She declared herself in competent to answer any questions on Iran or politics. "Alf I know is that I read in the paper", she said. "And I'm not here to talk about politics BOYWAY.

She was happy enough, however, to talk about her son. She was happy, too, that he wss going to stand again for President and confessed she was excited by the saws. "I get the newspaper very early in the morning in Plains to see what happened yesterday", she

She was happy, too, to talk about the part women played in her son's life, and she did not agree that the President's wife had too much influence on him. "And I say that as her mother in law", she added. "Rosie's the most important thing in his life", she said with no hint of jealousy in her

voice.
She was satisfied, too, that her son was doing enough to appoint women to senior positions within the American Administration. " Jimmy likes women better than he does men anyway ", she observed. Eventually she would like a woman to be elected as Presi-

Satirist to leave Soviet Union

previously resisted attempts by

authorities to force him to leave. He told Western corres-

people on near-starvation rations because it feared

Sir robert Jackson, special representative of the United Nations Secretary General, will attempt to remove difficulties

impeding distribution of food

and rice seed during a visit to Phoom Penh.

Objections to his visit have

come from members of the

Association of Soruh-East

stronger

well-fed population.

resistance from a

Moscow, April 16.—Satirist, Mr Vladimir Voinovich, said today that he has decided to emigrate to the West because natives claim it for France. of his inability to work in the Soviet Union.
Mr Voinovich, who is 47, has

encountered this proposition 10 or more years ago in Seilians, a village perched above the lavender fields at the foot of the Alpes Maritimes. The setting was all it should have beencave-like restaurant with ging-ham covered tables, huge ham covered tables, h carates of wine, and enormous oven, hewn

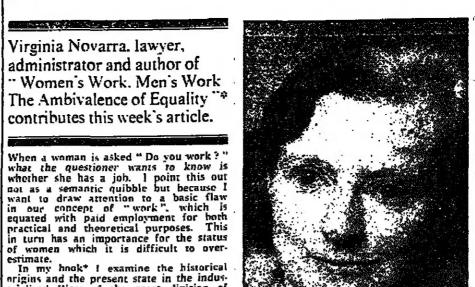
hot oven temperatures needed to cook pizza.

No one should be put off making pizza because it calls for yeast raised dough. Once made and allowed to rise, the punched down dough will keep for three or four days in the refrigerator ready to he used at a moment's notice. The tomato sauce base for all pizza toppings keeps even longer, and

of course it can be made in large quantities and frozen in appropriately sized portions. Other topping ingredients—ham anchovies, cheese, olives, shrimps and almost anything else that takes your fancyare all sold tinned, frozen or in long-life packets. And once baked, whole pizzas freeze well, as do leftover portions.

In fact home-made pizza is the best sort of storecupboard recipe, and for economy the classic kind is closest ordinary mortals can come to recreating the miracle of the loaves and the fishes.

Serve pizza with a lavish



Numbers now

the key for women to

make work impact

Secondly, many of society's benefitshigher education, vocational training, pensions, social security—have either been withheld from women or accorded to them on less favourable terms because the work they do is not recognized as such.
Thirdly, the whole apparatus of theory

and research about work in politics, economics, sociology and management studies has been entirely male-orientated. The male worker is the norm, the female is either invisible or is the subject of rare special studies.

This massive bias may be comprehen-sible, if not justifiable, in historical terms in that the early development of economics and other relevant areas of theory took place in the nineteenth century when the subordination of women was as its most pronounced. Its continuance into an era when women form 40 per cent or more of the (paid) labour force in industrialized countries needs explanation. The governmental commissions estab-

lished in many countries to promote equal opportunity for women are thus operating in a very difficult environment, and they cannot preach unorthodoxy or radicalism. It is for women and the women's movement to open up the debate and to challenge society's ideas of what work is, of its worth

society's ideas of what work is, or its work and of the way it should be organized.

The movement has already brilliantly exposed the false mythology of women's role as expounded in psychology, literature and theology. We now need to turn our attention to the myths of women and work, while not ceasing to press for the effective implementation of existing national and international policies and legislation on equal pay, equal opportunity and positive discrimination.

These two strands come together in my proposal that there should be proportional representation of women at all levels of decision-making and management. Before long, women may constitute half of those in employment, as well as half of the population. They should be commensurately represented in the power structures of employment, instead of heing massed in the lower echelons where their abilities are frequently wasted. They have as much right as men to influence the way their employing organization is to be conducted, now and in the future. The principle applies to trade union representation and

worker participation.

In my book I seek to show that, far from being an impractical dream, such a policy is feasible, though it will certainly involve some re-thinking particularly of "men's role", a very underdiscussed

We know that isolated women who become, say, engineering apprentices or senior managers find it hard to make a full and creative contribution: they are obliged to conform to the organizational culture, which is male, and lack confidence. For women to feel comfortable and to make an effective impact as women the need to be present in substantial numbers. This principle is recognized in the cur-

rent, carefully planned, West German pilot schemes for training girls in "men's work" such as precision tool making; the minimum training group in any firm is 20 Unless we think in these terms and end

our rhapsodizing over the first woman, he it heavy goods vehicle driver or chief executive, we shall wait another century for effective equality of opportunity. I hope this will be recognized at the United Nations world conference in Copenhagen in July, which is to review progress at the mid-point of International Women's Decade and at which one of the major themes is employment. *Published by Marion Boyars (ES.95, paper back £2.95).

Of loaves, fishes and pizza pie — and an astonishing French claim



Shona Crawford Poole

Everyone knows that pizze is Italian. Or is it? In the hills behind the Côte d'Azur the I first tasted pizza and

seemed from the mountain

Years later I returned to the restaurant and the pizzas were as good as that first taste. The dough was crisp on the outside, soft inside, not too thick, and generously topped with a fragrant tomato sauce, melting anchovies and tiny black Niçoise olives. More recently I came across a filled, crescent-shaped piza that is even more delicious. Called la ganzole, it is a speciality of a restaurant called Le Cros Magnon in Meribel, in the French Savoie There pizza dough is used to enclose a pate-like filling of ham, chicken and cheese flavoured with thyme, parsley, garlic and tomato. Tomato sauce

and a sprinking of cheese on the outside stop the dough drying too much in the very

a large bowl. Combine the remaining warm milk with the egg and oil and mix lightly together. Make a well in the to form a dough.

be very sticky at this stage, on to a well floured surface and knead it for about five minutes until the dough is springy and elastic. Now form large oiled bowl. Cover with a plastic bag or film and leave to four hours. Too high a tem-perature will kill the yeast so

Makes 600 ml (1 pint) 600 ml (1 pint) olive oil 30 g (1 oz) small dried red

Pour the oil into a well rinsed and dried wine bottle. Add the chillis and cork the bottle. Shake it once a day for a week, after which the oil should be hot enough to sprinkle sparingly on cooked pizza.

Keep the bottle corked and in a cool, dark place, adding more oil whenever the level drops below 300 ml (1 pint). The longer it is kept, the hotter it

becomes, so treat a well matured Hot oil can also be used to sprinkle pizzas before they are baked.

Basic pizza dough can be made with fresh yeast, dried granular yeast, or, simpler still, with Homepride's new "easy blend" dried yeast which does not need to be activated in warm milk before it is incorporated into the

Basic pizza dough Makes two large pizzas

15 g (1 oz) fresh yeast, or 1 teaspoon granular dried yeast, or 1 teaspoon easy blend dried yeast

450g (1 lb) strong plain white l teaspoon salt large egg 6 tablespoons olive oil

250 ml (8 fl oz) milk teaspoon sugar (if using fresh or granular dried yeast) Using fresh yeast or granular dried yeast: Heat the milk to lukewarm (about 43°C/110°F)

and combine about a third of it with the sugar and yeast in a small bowl. Leave it to stand until it can be stirred easily into Sift the flour and sait into

entre of the flour and pour in the yeast and egg mixtures all at once. Use a fork to mix the ingredients to a dough. Using easy blend dried yeast: Sift together into a large bowl the flour, yeast and sait. Com-bine the egg with the oil and milk and mix lightly together. Add the egg mixture to the flour all at once and mix well

Turn the dough, which will it into a ball and put it in a it in a warm place for three do not be tempted to hurry the

add a very definite extra "some thing" to the meal by passing round a bottle of wickedly hot, chilli-flavoured olive oil.

Wickedly hot oil

Makes 600 ml (1 pint)

which means that it can be left the pizza with half the grated cheese. Dribble a tablespoon of the oil over the new oven-ready pizza.

Use the remaining ingredients to make the second pizza.

Rake the pizza with half the grated the pizza with half the pizza with half the pizza with half the grated th

with a floured pin. Pizza dough should generally be rolled fairly thinly—6mm (} inch) is gener-ally quite thick enough. To store risen dough in the refrigerator, punch it down and

re-form it into a ball. Return to the bowl, cover and refrigerate for up to four days. The warmth of the dough may cause it to rise a little before it cools down, and when needed refrigerator.

Basic tomato sauce Makes enough for two large pizzas

6 tablespoons olive oil 900g (2lb) onions, sliced in thin

cloves garlic, finely chopped 900g (2)b) tinned plum tomatoes with their juice

teaspoon dried marjoram or oregano Salt and freshly-ground black pepper to taste Heat the oil in large pan and

add the union rings. Cook them slowly, uncovered, on a gentle heat for about 20 minutes or until they are soft but not coloured. Add the garlic and cook for a few minutes more before adding the tomatoes and their juice, the marjoram or oregano, salt and pepper. Cook slowly, uncovered, on a low heat for about 40 minutes, or und the sauce is becoming thick and much of the juice has evaporated. Stir the sauce from evaporated. Stir the sauce from time to time to prevent it stick-ing, and break up the tomatoes against the side of the pan with a wooden spoon. Cool and

with a wooden spoon. Cool and use as directed.
The following recipe makes two large rectangular pizzas about 23 by 30cm (9 by 12 inches), the size of a standard baking sheet. Each will cut into six small portions, or three or four large ones.

Anchovy and olive pizza

recipe basic pizza dough recipe basic tomato sauce 2 x 55g (2oz) tins flat anchovy fillets

110g (40z) small black olives 225g (80z) grated cheesemozarella, cheddar, gruyere, parmesan, or a mixture 2 tablespoons olive oil or wickedly hot oil

Divide the dough into two equal pieces. Roll the first out thinly on a floured surface. Lay it on a floured 23 by 30cm 19 by 12 inch) baking sheet and trim the shape to fit the sheet. Spoon half the tomato mixture over the dough and spread it close to the edges.

Drain the anchovy fillets and cut them in halves lengthwise. Arrange half of them on top of the tomato in lines or a trellis green or mixed salad, lots of rising process. The dough will pattern. Scatter half the olives cheap Italian wine (decanting rise perfectly well in its own improves it immeasurably), and time in a cool temperature sprinkle the whole surface of

Bake the pizzas in a pre-heated very hot oven (250°C/ heated very hot oven (250°C/ 500°F, gas mark 9) for 20 to 25 cook evenly, move the lower pizza to the upper shelf, and vice versa, half way through cooking time.

Variations: Top with fresh or frozen shrimps instead of anchovies (there is no need to thaw frozen shrimps). Omit the anchovies and top with diced, cooked ham and sliced mushrooms sweated in butter or oil. Add one or more sliced green or red peppers to the tomato sauce half way through its cooking time and top with Capers.

Filled crescent pizza Serves six

10g (4oz) cooked chicken 110g (40z) cooked ham 110g (4oz) grated gruyere or cheddar cheese

I clove garlic very finely opped tablespoons chopped parsley I teaspoon dried thyme or 1

tioned tomatoes Salt and freshly ground black

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tablespoons grated parmesan or cheddar cheese 2 tablespoons wickedly bot oil olive oil or

Chop the chicken and ham very, very finely and combine them in a bowl with the grated gruyers or cheddar, garlic, parsley, thyme and tomatoes. Stir vigorously to blend the in-gredients into a reasonably coherent stuffing and season it to taste with salt and pepper. A food processor speeds this task, but beware of overprocessing the mixture, which should have

a rough texture.

Divide the dough into two equal pieces and roll the first out thinly on a floured surface.

The shape to aim for is a large oval about 30 cm (12 inches) long and 23 cm (9 inches) wide. Take half the stuffing mixture and lay it in a sausage shape along the length of the oval about 2.5 cm (1 inch) in from one long edge. Roll the dough very loosely round the stuffing, sealing the ends of roll by damping the dough and

pressing the edges together. Carefully lift this creation on to a well floured baking sheet, curling the ends a little as you lay it down to form a crescent Top the pizza with half the

tomato sauce (a quarter of the whole recipe) and sprinkle in with half the cheese and half the oil. Use the remaining ingredients

to make the second pizza. Bake the filled pizzas in a preheated very (250°C/500°F, gas mark 9) for

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Nations warned of need to preserve environment

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From Charles Harrison Nairobi, April 16 The world's nations were given a warning today that a greater commitment to pre-

serving the environment is needed. Opening the annual governcouncil of the United Nations Environment gramme (Unep), Dr Mostafa Tolba, the director, sa.d: "While the resource base for development is eroding, the resulting environmental hazards are increasing. Attacking the symptoms of environmental

degradation can only buy a limited pause. Unep's work is limited by financial difficulties, he said, and the environment fund, sustained by the pledges of member countries, was \$24m (£10.9m) short of its \$150m target for 1978-81. In the first three months of this year, 53.9m was paid into the fund. However, he listed some of

Unep's successes in the seven years since it was founded. Its view and approaches on reconciling economic and environmental concerns were reflected in drafts of a new international development strategy, and governments had been helped to escablish environmental priorities.

tropical forests. Nearly half the world's rain

The governing council meets until April 29.

A plan of action to stop desert encroachment had beer adopted, and a world plan developed for the wise use of

forests had been destroyed, however, and between five and 10 million bectares of forest were lost each year. Each year about six million hectares of arable land were lost to desert encroachment and more than 1,000 animal and 25,000 plant species were threatened with

The Diary of Virginia Woolf

Volume III, 1925-1930 Edited by Anne Olivier Bell, assisted by Andrew McNeillie (The Hogarth Press, £10.50)

The third volume of Virginia Woolf's great diary, impeccably edited as ever covers the reception and/or writing of all her most widely read books. Mrs Dalloway, To the Lighthouse. Orlando, A Room of One's Own and The Waves. It is so free of the mental and physical anguish of its predecessors-and, we may be sure, of the two volumes still to comethat there is evidence on almost every page to support Anne Olivier Bell's claim that These are perhaps the most fruitful and satisfying years of her life". Indeed, the mystery of personal human happiness is the central, suffusing mystery of the book:

Nobodu shall say of me that I have not known perfect hap-piness, but few could put their jinger on the moment or say what made it. Even I myself. stirring occasionally in the root of content, could only say But this is all I want.

There is no mystery, how-ever, about the immediate connexion between her own happiness and everyday pheno-mena. "The immense success of our life", she writes in gratitude and without complacency after 13 years of mar-riage, "is I think that our treasure is bid away; or rather in such common things that nothing can touch it." Readers of this Diary will already know that "such common things"—a ride on a bus, the purchase of a hat, a walk over the Downs, almost any kind of English weather, a new pen-are recorded with joyful but disciplined exacmess by a rovelist obsessed by her "inability" to retain facts or write a r'an narrative in her novels. This is what she used her Diary for and even though she is watch-ing herself the whole time, she sustains superbly the illusion of transmuting spontaneity back into what Byron had made it: a refined communicating art. She was also in training learning to describe young Robert Graves, old Thomas Hardy or, stunningly well, a trip north by train and hus to see a total eclipse of the tun. Only the General Strike defeated her. She was excited by the prospect of patronizing a dressmaker recommended by he editor of Vogue.

Momentous years, 1925 to 1930: Leonard and Virginia Woolf's dream of economic independence literary brgins to come true. Her sales figures begin to climb, and each rise—A Room of One's Own sold more than 10,000 conies is immediately accounted in terms of, and brings a rise in. the material well-being. They agree that in future all royalties above £200 will be shared equally between them, and at one point she takes great pride in helping to support no fewer than nine people by her pen. Even so, in 1930, Yeats has still not heard of her.

They buy their first car-a second-hand Singer—then exchange it for one with a sunshine roof, which takes them all over Sussex and to the South of France. They buy the terrace field next to Monks House, and an oil stove : she forward to cooking. Carpets, chairs, clothes and study-extensions follow. At the height of her love affair with

Crime

There are crime books designed to upset and there are crime books designed

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a fair share of human doubts

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Yet if Ms Woods is in love

They Stay for Death

By Sara Woods

(Macmillan, £4.95)

Vira Sackville-West—a bit of a bore for Leonard, but not enough to worry him and torn between the unpredictable demands of her own genius and the attractions of the metropolitan world, Virginia has her ears pierced, her hair cut, and acquires a cheque book of her own.

If at the end she resolves never to waste time taking tea or dinner with the likes of Lady Cunard again, and burns her evening dress in the gas fire (something I found bard to picture, and for once even Mrs Bell, so good on every-thing from the uncrowned King of Barcelona to Aladdin and Veritas lamps, is no help) ir must be in the knowledge that it can now be replaced without upsetting Leonard if the siren call of "the party consciousness" proves, once again, impossible to resist. She accepts invitations later re-gretted almost as frequently as her notorious maid gives notice and is taken back.

She is pitiless towards the unattractive dead (Lady Strachey, burnt yesterday Strachey, burnt yesterday with a bunch of our red and white carnations on top of her"): the aging (Bestrice Webb, "far less ornamental than of old: wispy untidy drab, with a stain on her skirt & a key on her watch chain"); and the neutered mediocracy of Bennett, Galsworthy, Gasse and Squire. Absurd tragedies delight her: a grotesquely elegant and funny passage imagines the mid-Atlantic death (1927) of the outraged "Flying Princess" Löwenstein-Wertheim and her apologetic pilot.

The Vita affair, and the vigorous pursuit of Virginia by the uncrushable Ethel Smyth, both have their place in the Diary, but each is far smaller. and more coolly allotted, than in the extravagant letters written at the same time. For the Diary is her workshop where she works (hard), and the most enthralling aspect of this third volume is that it allows us to watch more closely than is usually possible to watch such things, the genesis of each masterpiece as she attains the height of her powers. Two examples:

powers. Two examples:
Vita stalking in her Turkish dress, attended by small boys, down the gallery, wafting them on like some tall sailing ship—a sort of covey of noble English life: dogs walloping, children crowding, all very free and stately. . . All the centurius seemed lit up, the past expressive, criticulate: not dumb and forgotten; but a crowd of people stood behind, not dond at all. . . . The fantastical world of Orlanda begins so to take Orlando begins so to take shape, and, later, that of The Waves:

The idea has come to me that what I want to do now is to saturate cvery atom. I mean to climinate all—waste, deadness, superfluity: to give the moment who-le... why admit anything to literature that is not poetry—by which I mean saturated? Is that not my crudes arginst nowle—that not my gradge against novels—that they select nothing? The poets succeeding by simplifying: practically everything is left out. I want to put practically everything in: yet to saturate. That is what I want to do in The Moths.

Thinking aloud; questioning her own enterprise; deter-mined above all, at whatever cost to health or reputation of pleasure in "common things". to follow five years of increasing reputation by taking the most ambitious risk of her Thank God she didn't call it The Moths.

Michael Ratcliffe



Elizabeth I when Princess, probably painted for her father c. 1546, from the Queen's collection, in Renaissance Jewellery by Yvonne Hackenbroch (Sotheby Parke Bernet, £55). The interlaced pattern filling the gold ground of the lozenge-shaped brooch is very like the pattern on a bookbinding that the eleven-year-old Elizabeth embroidered for her stepmother, Katherine Parr, at almost exactly the

same time that her portrait was painted.

Quis Quis in Britannia

The People of Roman Britain

By Anthony Birley Batsjord, £8.95)

Later Roman Britain By Stephen Johnson (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £7.50)

Anthony Birley is aware that his title may mislead, although it exactly describes his scope and purpose. So far from being yet another impressionistic "Daily Life in Roman Britain". his book is a work of detailed, even austere, scholarship de-cribing "the people who lived in Britain, either as permanent residents of the island or on whose names are known

Birley, indeed, seems to know them all. His index of persons, giving only a selection of the lists almost 600 names, from Aaron, a third century martyr with a Jewish name from Caerleon, to Vrocata, whose sole commemoration is on an early fourth century cooking pot used for a cremation burial, and taking in on the way the first named British sailor, a Devon man, and the first British civil

More names may be added from the notes to the various chapters despite the author's fear that some of the very numerous graffiti and other informal inscriptions may have eluded him. This vast collection of mate-

rial is disposed not chrono-logically but according to function and status from high officials and senior officers of the Roman army and administration to slaves and freedmen. If the result is a book stuffed with personal names, it vet reveals better than many the extraordinary variety and richness of life in this remote corner of the Roman Empire and through individual detail brings us closer to the people who inhabited it. Birley ends his Roman government service, study with the usurpation of Constantine III, after which the Roman emperors never regained control of the island,

Stephen Johnson, of the more important and interesting. Inspectorate of Ancient Monuments, begins his with the pro-clamation of Constantine I at York just a century earlier. The core of his book concerns the defence of Britain against the barbarian invasions and raids of the third and fourth centuries, from the Picts and Votadini north of the Wall from the Scotti, Deisi and Ui

with the Countess of Athlone,

but of course the styles of the present Royal Family are de-plorably muddled—Mrs Mark Phillips and the Hon Mrs Angus

Ogilvy, forsooth!). Dr Frank-land has researched this work

servant, a slave with a Greek Liathain from across the Irish name meaning "Blameless", sea, from the Jutes and, finally sea, from the Jutes and, finally and most decisively, from the Angles and Saxons, to a collapse of the Roman administrative machinery so sudden and dramatic that it must have taken most people by surprise and to the beginnings of the formation of

modern Britain. Problems and difficulties, and they are many, are clearly discussed; the results of the latest research are presented without the reader being overwhelmed by the intrusive apparatus of scholarship; the whole is illuminated at all points by a wealth of excellent photographs of sites and objects, maps (and figures) of quite unusual clarity.

The publishers are to be congratulated on producing a book which is a pleasure to look upon, printed on a decent, neavy paper and for these inflationary times, most reason-ably priced. It cannot have been easy to do; but why, one is tempted to ask, do not more publishers make the effort? For those seeking an introduc-tion and guide to the developments and to the sites of this troubled and formative period in our island history, Johnson has few, if any, rivals.

D. C. Earl

Grand Old Soldier Duke

Gloucester

When the late Duke of Gloucester died in 1974, Capital Radio usked me to broadcast an off-the-cuff obituary over the telephone: my mind went blank. Then random snippets about this royal uncle of little brain occurred to me. How he apparently used to stand for hours after official dinners oblivious of the fact that every-one else was obliged to do the same; how he would doggedly stick to his "bwief" even if it turned out to be wide of the mark; how his high-pitched whitenying laughter reverberated when someone fell into a lavatory in his presence. How a telling critic of Churchill's wartime administration denly destroyed his case by suggesting that the Duke of Gloucester should be made C-in-C. thus reducing the House of Commons to paroxysms of mirth. His passion for speed and the regrettable incident bring the ready word much after Churchill's funeral when more within his grasp " and the his Rolls-Royce ran off the road and overturned, depositing the unfortunate Duchess in a field. None of this seemed appropriate somehow and I eventually stammered out a platitude to the effect that the Duke had

most diligently, the facts are presented with exemplary pre-cision and he has certainly earned the CVO that will presumable come his way as a reward for his efforts. With the best will in the world, though, I cannot imagine who would think it worth forking out a tenner for this stuff, apart from a few obsessive royalty watchers such as the gentleman whose mawkish account of the Duke's funeral ("rhis most royal of Royal Princes . . ") the author unwisely brings into play at the The writing tends to be fairly stodgy and Dr Frankland is discreet to a degree; this book should prove a good source for an anthology of understatement the advance of years did not Duke "did not eschew a glass of whisky or ... the occasional blasphemous oath". There are, however, moments of insight. Young Harry's nervous tension

wrote to his father and, as we can see from Dr Frankland's worthy tribute, he did his plodding best to live up to this promise. He would have been bappiest pursuing the career of an ordinary Army officer and Dr Frankland sympathetically explains the regimental frustrations he had to endure for the sake of his princely duties. The Duke's endearing qualities come across nicely in the letters he wrote regularly to Queen Mary; a complete edition of these letters might enjoy a success as a sort of Diary of a Royal Nabady. There are a few amusing anec-

dotes to break up the remorse-less tedium of the official record and the bilarious mishaps of the Ethiopian coronation recall Evelyn Waugh. During the last war, the Duke took to consulting his commanding officer, Brigadier Fanshawe, about the Duchess's gynaecological problems, but the Brigadier not unnaturally did not feel par ticularly competent to give opinion, and indeed on opinan, and macca on one occasion was so anxious to avoid doing so that he slipped off to bed. Before he had undressed, however, he heard the Duke's foot on the stair and presently his knock on the door. Fanshase, still in uniform, jumped smartly into bed. Prince Henry entered: Fanshame ligened steen, Prince Henry characteristics. explain why he was in uniform in

I am sorry to say that there were several occasions in the course of reading this book when, unlike the Brigadier, my sleep was not feigned.

Hugh Montgomery Massingberd

and how. It will be useful to more than the beginner and has a collection of excellent illustrations. As a guide it is inevitably didactic in tone, which is not surprising, since any man who has spent 69 years bossing about a pack of hounds and generally lording it—or should I say "master-ing" it—over a field of hum followers, is not likely now to be at all tentative in the way he issues instructions, even on

Creek Mary's Blood By Dee Brown (Hutchinson, £5.95) Let the Lion Eat Straw By Ellease Souherland

(Dent, £5:50) Atlantic City Proof By Christopher Cook Gilmore (Gollancz, £5.95)

The Anathetic Bookie Joint

By Daniel Fuchs (Secker & Warburg, £5.95)

Good novels have the twin faces of Janus, looking both ways, yet finding the truth in contrary views. They present opposite opinions and characteristics to make their people credible on paper, as the fact trader, Reary Boller tried to do when he first described the American Indians two hundred years ago.

"I could 'paint' you two pictures", he wrote "The one would represent the bright side of Indian life, with its feathers, lances, gayly dres-sed... The other, the dark side, showing the filth, vermin, poverty, nakedness, suffering. Both would be equally true— neither exaggerated, or dis-torted; both totally dissim-

Dee Brown in Creek Mary's Blood can paint only one side of the original Americans. They wear the good face of Janus, they live on the bright side of tribal life. The European settlers are the dark ones, normally stupid, often evil, always uncomprehending, capable of massacre and worse, The book retreads western history from the first landgrab. bing from the Creeks in the eighteenth century to the last penning of the surviving In-dians in their reservations.

This family saga purports to be told to the author by an old Cheyenne called Dane in 1901, airhough the sage uses incredible terms like "bearers of Caucasian savagery" as well as indulging in rhythmic prose that pleds along the trail blazed by Hiawatha. The Indians are so very, very good and the white people so very, very hor-rid that the eulogy becomes a melodrama. If Teddy Roosevely really lifted a hand and said How ! to the natives he met in the wilderness, he should have run a cigar store with a wooden Indian outside, and

not the White House. Let the Lion Eat Straw is also an American semily sage, but written with such economy and grace that it is a marvel of a first novel. Ellease Southerland tells the story of Abeba Williams, who comes up from the South to New York City, marries into a soul-singing family, has 15 children and makes them into a complete church-choir and band. The prose is rich and simple and easy with the cadences of black speech and gospel meetings. Yet the characters of the Southerners are complex and subtle behind their fervor and exeluzion. Janus sings in barmony with both good and bad mouths in this remarkable thanksgiving

from a born writer. The Roman god was, of course, also the god of beginnings, so he would have smiled upon another extraordinary first novel, Atlantic City Proof by Christopher Cook Gilmore. Impossibly, it lives up to the promise of its opening sentence: "I was born inside an old elephant during a three-day dry northeaster." It recounts the tale of a sea-crazy boy called Garvey Leek, brought up in Atlantic City before Prohibition. He becomes a young rum-runner along with a foul-mouthed gutter angel called Minnie Creek. Swearing, careering and daring-do turn to romance in the end, after most of the Jack London and Scott Fitzgerald myths have

been explored and exploded with love and good humour. Gilmore has brought off the most difficult of tricks, the writing of a romantic adventure without condescension and with his tengue in his cheek. He draws a delightful, cheek. He draws a deligniful, engaging and nostalgic picture of a holiday city before the corruption and the casinos arrive to foul its boardwalk.

The Apathetic Bookie Joint is a collection of short stories. by Daniel Fuchs, a Brooklyn reacher who became a Hollywood screenwriter. It is the most split-minded and double-faced of these books, well worthy of the Roman god of contradiction and communi-cation. Half a dozen of the opening stories about Brooklyn are minor masterpieces, so excellent is Fuchs's ear and discrimination. He captures the melancholy behind the quips at the bar, the heartbreak between the lines. He knows the power of the unsaid and the incon gruous remark. At his best, be superior to Damon Runyon, because he has no sentimentality for his trapped urban crea-

His later Hollywood stories. however, are a burned-over district. His disillusion with that charred wasteland of commer cial dreams makes his characters and descriptions distasteful and remote. He does not match Joan Didion's more truthful sense of Hollywood as a dull family money-making machine on the brink of a canyon or a nervous collapse Alas, Fuchs is one of the many good writers who took the Yellowbrick Road to California and were engulfed by the things which they meant to exploit, so that their exacting prose finally becomes weary, flat, stale and profitable.

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remembers always she is telling us a story, not hymning a heaven blessed hymen. So here we get our usual meany puzzle (how can it be that the nice provincial doctor, left a last minute fortune by a rich old lady, did not murder her?). even if we don't quite get our final-pages courtroom (some thrusty counsel interviews, though). And it's all told in nice, easy prose, clear and running as a country stream. Yum.

avoid falling into folie. She

grisly subject to comfort Both Dirty Tricks, by Chapman Pincher (Sidgwick & Jackson, £5.95). Now it can be half-told. Distinguished defence correhave their place. But how nice it is when into one's hands comes an old reliable of the second sort. Like Sara Woods's novel featuring her spondent (undistinguished fiction-writer) fascinatingly hints at many a real-life happening harrister hero, Anthony Mait-One more episode, we say, in in this high-level espionager. this armchair saga, and we snuggle down. Soon most of Fortress, by Gabrielle Lord (Aurora Press, £4.95). Austra-lian outback teacher and the dear, cherished ingredients rcappear, our hero's bad back, his good wife, his irascible senior-in-the-law uncle with in schoolchildren kidnapped. first novel that uninhibitedly twangs at the heart-strings in his turn his newish barrister wife (delightfully gruff and monosyllabic). It is often said sharp, unaffected prose-

Time and Again, by Jack Finney (Weidenfeld & Nicholson, 55.95). A real curiosity: illusthat the author of such a series, particularly if she is a woman, must be in love with its trated, long (400 pages) story presupposing time-trips to past hero. Well, perhaps Ms Woods New York with much detailed research and a mystery manages to make him in our cyes an admirable person, with superimposed.

Back Street Runner, by Paul Breeze (Michael Joseph, £5.95). The world of provincial Joseph, rock-music. full of eye-opening detail. Presented (a trifle bysterically) through a tale of murder and chase.

Leonardo and Others, by Michael Sellers (Macmillan, £4.95). First book set in London art-dealer world engaging private-eye hero. Imbroglio a bit confusing. but writing bright as a new

Grand Slam, by Ritchie Perry (Collins, 54.751, Skate-along story of cheeky sub-Deightonish British agent seeking millionaire's lost daughter Plenty happens in rural, culthaunted Norfolk.

Marsh Blood, by Joanna Marcus (Hutchinson, 55.50). Loss of incident, yet more detail (Ronney Marsh well observed) as story of murder and love gushes out, numbling attractive, readable, and informative volume. On the fly sheet there is a generous tribute to Gleria Cotteslae, who hapless reader along.

H. R. F. Keating

this biography by Princess Alice tas she is called instead of "Princess Henry", which would at least avoid confusion Prince Henry. Duke of

By Noble Frankland

(Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £10)

summered out a platitude to effect that the Duke had outbursts of crying, and later to uncontrollable fits of giggloyal servant of the crown.

Soldier Royal" was indeed the children of those lamentable been a professional soldier and loyal servant of the crown. the title of a commemorative exhibition about the Duke at the Imperial War Museum, whose director, Dr Noble Frank-

land, was duly invited to write

Fox Hunting, by The Duke of

Beaufort (David & Charles.

£10.95). There cannot be any-

body else alive today who was

given a pack of hounds as an

Duke of Beaufort-whose 80th

birthday it was at Easter-has

distilled his experience in the

hunting field into a most

end of the book.

parents George V and Queen Mary is surely overdue for a heavy psychological study. "I shall try to help you by being a good boy", Prince Henry evidently beloed the Duke. I suspect by converting his tape recorded hamilies into clear and interesting prose. She has managed to do so without loseleventh birthday present ing the flavour of the man, who Now, some 69 years later, the ever since his eleventh birthever since his eleventh birth-day, has been known as "Master" not just by those who have ridden with his hounds, but apparently by everybody else as well. This hock is intended to be a begin-ner's guide to fox bunting; who does what, why, where,

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OU to belle state the state of in 1940 he was evacuated with his mother to Long Island, New Cork, for three years, when he stayed at first at the very grand home of a failed Republican candidate, John W. Davis. It was like the edge of Oyster Boy, and the lawns of these huge houses amony successful artists, he joined together." Exceptionally IALLERIES wanted to become a painter from the age of five. After prep school back in England, he can away form Eton after of Monmouth St. FILING TRIS Irom Africa New Guines. some 18 months there. He had much enjoyed being taught art TO MIRO by Wilfrid Blunt, but he wanted to get on with his vocation, Later, after a crammers in Wales too remote to run away from, he absconded and 30th Century Corel, Danmier, let, Whister, etc.

from Bryanston at 15, and stayed away.

His father, who was foreign manager of ICl and genuinely in mine, thank God"), was worried about his future whi-



mature domestic interior, he went off to Camberwell art. school, "It was a great time to be there-Victor Pasmore, William Coldstream and Claude Rugers were all teaching—but I went to films most of the time", he recalls. Before long he moved on to Bath Academy of Art at Corsham, where at last he settled under the wing of its inspired principal, Clif-ford Eltis, and a dazzling staff including William Scott, Kenneth Armitage, Peter Lanyon, William Brooker and Jack

Later, after briefly teaching art part-time at Charterhouse (still rather proud of its philistinism), he reverted to Corsham for ten years as a teacher. "That's when I really learns. I used to go down on the train and talk about paintlity to support himself. But ing with the other teachers: after a holiday back on Long Adrian Heath, Harry Munday, Island, during which he Gillian Ayres, Robyn Denny. It painted an astonishingly was like a little university."

bought an old water mill near Corsham, where he established his main home and studio with his wife and two sous, now 22 and 20. They also have a somewhat austere base near the British Museum, a wonderful location for someone as deeply versed in the history of art as Hodgkin. He is now, after seven years as a trustee of the Tate Gollery, a trustee of the National Gallery, is reckoned a formidable operator in those

decidedly erudite. in Hodgkin's pantheon, and he from Marisse's attitude to is particularly interested in painting, his belief—ewra-classical painters like ordinary in a way, Hodgkin, Poussin—painters who make feels—in its validity, than from an enclosed world (as he the form or colour of his

upper stratospheres, and is

Finally he taught briefly at does), "Poussin was not a Chelsea and the Slade—and representational artist in the representational artist in the sense that Rembrandt was. Vermeer was both classical and

representational.".
Another of his passions is for Indian painting, and now for India itself, which he has visited annually for 12 years. Indian painting too he regards as microcosmic in tendency. He is also fascinated by its use of colone for both emotional and decorative purposes at the same time, and by its concurrent deployment of almost every kind of representational decidedly erudite.

"Ingres, Delacroix and Degas have been very important to me, and Vuillard is one sleeve, from which may profit of mysterious, and still negative mysterious mys

Howard Hodgkin behind the enemy's lines Hodgkin finds it odd that anyone should think of his painting as abstract la

America, now his biggest market, where they are more familiar with abstract painting. its figurative nature is taken for gramed, he says. "My pictures are in fact totally representational; but what they are trying to represent cannot, I find, be represented in the kind of language which people used to think of as representational. My eternal problem is to go far enough away from literal representation to say what I

"The subject of them is nearly always an emotional situation, related to a physical setting ("ofren a room") I can only gen to the real subject when the legible things I started with have been turned into something completely physical. I am describing—but not using the usual language."
In effect, a degree of abstraction helps him to recreate the
experience. No doubt it is partly the appalling elusiveness of the goal, partly the burden of his knowledge of painting, and partly his consciousness of the painting as an object with its own life which gives his finished works their peculiarly loaded resonance. He is a very slow worker, so

high prices are in a way a necessity, given his meagre output. But he dislikes the fact that many people who want to buy his paintings cannot do sp-and that dealers, even when, as now, competing for his work, all demand their 50 per cent commission. "Arrists are not in a strong enough position to fight back", he

laments. Perhaps they might be better placed—and have less sense of being behind enemy lines—if the home market were larger, with less need for the costs and complications of selling abroad. The day when the British rediscover the value of living art and good design does not, however, seem to be at hand. No wonder so many well designed goods are imported, and so much good painting exported.

Roger Berthoud

to create. But I cannot help wondering whether the ballet might not be better without them, its meaning implied without explicit underlining.

On the other hand, that would remove one of the most

beautiful moments, when the women, in the course of the

prologue, step into shallow troughs of water that adjoin three sides of the thrust stage at the Forest National, then pick up water in their hands

and sprinkle it over them-selves. Simple, but it looks quite ravishing.

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The bailet uses a large cast

exceptionally fine performances dominate the action.
Central to both parts of the

Jorge Donn, equally impressive whether gazing Narcissus-like

into the water at the front of the stage or hurling himself into a frenzy of aspiring leaps.

La traviata Sadler's Wells

William Mann

Kent Opera makes a welcome return this week to Sadler's Wells Theatre, bringing two very recent productions as well as an older but interesting Magic Flute. They began Tuesday with Verdi's La traviora in Jonathan Miller's production, new for last year's Edinburgh Festival when it was beset by troubles of all kinds. After a winter's touring it has settled down and displays some significant merits.

Most pointful is the modest

atmosphere set by Bernard Culshaw's scenery and costumes, and compounded by Dr Miller's emphasis on jolly but essentially bourgeois and respectable middle-nineteenth century moral values. We are not among French high society, but the demi-monde: nor are they screaming Toulouse-Lautrec hoydens but, in social life at least, demure, affec-tionate, and well-behaved. How, otherwise, would the Baron and Marquis frequent the circle, and how would Violetta yield to the terrible request of Germont senior? Once this break with tradi-

pictures can be perfectly appreciated. They suit Verdi's music too, the parties (the two cabaret turns, fortune-tellers and toreadors, more credible than ever in my experience) as well as the domestic scenes. Chiefly Dr Miller's view explains the touching, deeply human, completely un-tarry Violetta of Jill Gomez.

Some operagoers may find her portrayal much too demure. It lacks the brilliance associated with the music of the first act, but even there is cleanly and musically sung. The duct with Alfredo's father (Thomas Hemsley, sometimes unsteady but always cogent) and the immortal cry of "Amami, Alfredo" (here sung in Michael Irwin's translation, acceptable when audible, filled out the emotional portraiture, likewise the refrains of "Qui desiata giungi", above all the music of glungi", above all the music of:
the last act in which Miss
Gomes became something like
a great Violetta, with a legate
and a command of nuance that
made one hold one's breath for fear the magic might vanish. Thank Heaven she gave us two verses of "Addio del passato".

Keith Lewis's heartfelt yet unexaggerated Alfredo matched

her impersonation. The others, visibly all quite young (why not?), looked and sounded well. Roger Norrington, in the pit, took a brisk and muscular, never unloying view of Verdi's nontional operatic grandeur is took a brisk and muscular, never accepted, the charm and unloving, view of Verdi's non-appropriateness of the stage pareil score.

Philharmonia/Rattle Festival Hall

Noël Goodwin

Having nursed his players through two earlier performances within the provious three days, Simon Rattle had the measure of Mahler's fourth symphony for the Philharmonia Orchestra's concert on the South Orchestra's concert on the South Bank on Tuesday, and I found it, myself warmly responding to it, as if it were bright and new. In a sense it was as Mr Rattle unfolded it like a landscape fresbly lucent after rain, a landscape with its own degrees of perspective and its variegated detail of foreground, middle-ground and background within the musical conception, shifting

page on Tuesday, there was a started with the slow movement, the solo playing of Ida Haen-the way the conductor began to plot his course through the opening movement, an eye fixed on the dispant objective, was in need of more careful. an ear attentive to immediate niceties of instrumental phrasing as well as to rhythmic spirit. There was a moment, not long before the end of it, when Mahler seemed about to turn into Gershwin through an over-

spread of harmonic sentiment, but Mr Rattle held it just enough in check to turn it back into Mahler's sharper purpose. The colours and the character

were sharp enough to etch the line of the second movement, although the ghostly danse macabre of the solo violin was more endearing than sinister.
The yearoing beauty of the slow movement was admirably judged in pacing and character. with a firm contrast of weight from the interruptions to the music's search for that peace of mind which comes with the child's vision of heavenly bliss in the Wunderhorn poem of the finale. Ann Murray sang this soprano song brightly and with no false sentiment, taking us with her into Mahler's ultimate

haven of innocent serenity.

Beethoven's Violin Concerts
comprised the first part of the our attention to each of these in turn, according to Mabler's programme and fared less well mericulous placing of them.

As a colleague noted on this that I thought it must have balance, to support the soloist's somewhat heavy pressure, and at the end of the larghetto Mr Rattle looked to be hauling the orchestra almost bodily into position for her to launch the finale

Mother

Ned Chaillet

Someone backstage at the ICA Theatre is not as interested in lunchtime theatre as the pay- talent. and has many group episodes ing customers out front. While Alistair Campbell rambled on through his monologue for the audience, there were thumps, rustlings and shuffles from the back. When Mr Campbell reached the point in his speech to an unseen interrogator where he matter-of-factly says "You want me to finish", the man backstage let out a breathy "Yes" and, while the audience ignored it, it had become a two-man show.

> When someone attempts a solo performance there are enough difficulties. Capturing John Percival and keeping the public's attention is the chief one, and marching one's style to the

material is another. Since the script is by Mr Campbell, he is presumably at home and he has no difficulty in modulating each word to its intended meaning. There are rather too many of them, however. His success in keeping the audience's attenthe rear is more proof of his

His story is not very surpris ing: an ambiguous recitation about the difficulties of life with mother dwelling on her wearing of pink rubber gloves, her castration of a cat and her more subtle castration of the narrator. Mr Campbell's wordy narrator. Mr Campbell's wordy style permits some fanciful humour and literary description, as when he describes the cat as "smiling as only a neutered tom can", but the drama rather faisely hangs on killing the mother. He has a subtle power to control, but it is very lightly applied.

Should you see the performance, you need not applaud. He will not return for a bow.

Belgium's ballet companies preparing for London creation of nature but seeking

Coppelia: this season they have been duncing Swan Lake and The Sleeping Beauty and are about to embark on a new

Twentieth Century, when appearing in its home town of Brussels, is obliged by law to have the programme printed in both languages
Two of those companies are

their interesting producton of are still admirable and the repertory much improved, judging from what I know of some of the ballets in other improved,

long ballet, La Dame aux saw this time.

Camelias.

Jeanne Brabanes is their

The Flemish-Speaking north Ninette de Valois: a former apparently prefers modern dancer, a versatile choreog-works in the varied pro-grammes offered by the Kon-gelijk Ballet van Vlaanderen. been seen as leading members Bejart's famous Ballet of the of Netherlands Dance Theatre. grapher, a first-rate teacher (quite a few of her pupils have been seen as leading members of Nerherlands Dance Theatre. Bejarr's company and Festival Ballet), who is also a director capable of taking a long view, and I would guess a formitality of the seen and I would guess a formital committee

Belgians this year celebrate 150 years of independence, and among the celebrations will be a kind of cultural merry-goround taking the ballet and opera companies from its leading theatres to play in one innother's houses. There are three large ballet companies, based in Antwerp, Brussels and Charleroi, and their names are a reminder that in Belgium patriorism is local as well as national.

In the south, the Ballet Royal de Wallonie serves mainly the French-speaking population with a repertory containing a high proportion of classical favourites. I pressed by the dancers than by reported a few years back on their interesting producton of the south companies on their unally resolves itself; simple, expressive dances to Vaughan Williams's Fantasia on a two weeks of May, to be followed by a week in Leeds and mother in Manchester. I have an unlikely but amusing a nunlikely but amusing collection of the south the south companies on their same two weeks of May, to be followed by a week in Leeds and mother in Manchester. I have an unlikely but amusing an unlikely but amusing an unlikely but amusing a nunlikely but amusing the south companies on their section of the south companies on their section of the south companies on t

Grand Tour does for the Thirties, with a comparable group of nicely caricatured portraits and a number of lively ensembles. The company play it with a flair for light comedy. led by Patricia Carey as the ballerina, with Tom Van Cauwenbergh as her impre-sario, and Karin Heyninck with Alexander Sombart providing a lyrical interlude as the bridal

Moshe Efrati and Zvi Avni, The Kongelijk Ballet van

Vlaanderen draws upon a range of choreographers; the Ballet of the Twentieth Century has been primarily an expression of Maurice Bejart's personality. Over the years he has occasionally invited other choreographers from outside, and often encouraged aspirants within the company, but on the whole their works have not lasted. It will be interesting to see whether John Neumeier's creation for them (part of an exchange which takes Bejart to Hamburg later in the season) will have better luck.

a scale that metches Bejart's own grandiloquence. The title is Mahler, with a subtitle drawn from the "Wayfarer" cycle: Lieb und Leid und Welt und Traum. The music is Mahler's first symphony for the first part, followed after an interval by the Aduzio of the unfinished tenth.

With so vast a musical canvas available, I am surprised that Neumeier thought pair.

Heyninck and Van Cauwenbergh had the leads also in Ein-Dor, a brooding survey of King Saul's foreknowledge of his imminent death, with choreography and music by

prised that Neumeier thought it necessary to add passages danced in silence, and to the sound of wind or sea. They serve to reinforce the theme he has read into the music, of human aspiration, himself a

Among the women, Neu-meier has singled out Shonach Mirk for her warm generosity of spirit and Rita Poelvoords for her calm gravity, both of them beautifully displayed in duets spread through the work.

ugh their violent raids are legendary; igs were the greatest explorers, traders ers of their age. Now for the first time liscover the many aspects of Viking life tish Museum. See how they lived, their ent craftwork, their traded and looted jewellery; sword blades, Byzantine silks ng ship relics. It is an exhibition unlikely e repeated. See it for yourself and the tascinating world of the Vikings.



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Last night's television

Whicker's World Yorkshire

Michael Ratcliffe

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The San Francisco Police
Department can be quite delicately formal. "Is someone
accosted and bleeding in
there?" they inquired
patiently from the landing
after many minutes of silence
from behind the door. Long,
long pause. Then (faint note of
pique that the question had
not been put so correctly
before): "Yes..., Mc." He still
would not open (people were
always pretending to be the
police outside the apartment
door); then, eventually: "I'm
gonna gamble..." And there
he was, Pop Davis, a real nice
guy, a drug pusher, with blood
all over his face and skull.
"Some of the bloom has gone
off the world's affair with this off the world's affair with this outrageous up-and-down city."
said the man in the narty
check jacket who had been
watching the scene. Whicker,
spending a whole month with
the force.

Alan Whicker is enthralled by violence, vulgarity, wealth, energy and the sociology of sex (yes, it is a wide field) and this two-hour programme on the SFPD—specifically on tions of all five. I thought it was a bit repetitive there was an awful lot of waiting about in patrol cars on shiny wet

Hockney at the Tate

The first major exhibition of graphic works by David Hockney to tour the United States will now be seen at the Tate Gallery from July 2 to August

3. The exhibition contains drawings and prints made by the artist between 1962 and 1977, and includes portraits, still-lifes and architecture. The works have been lent from private collections.

nights, all shot in the grainy and livid colours of CBS News-but as a demonstration of American rough justice tem-

pered by good intentions it was highly revealing.

The women—36 in a total of 1,600—were wonderfully brave and apparently decent, though they spent a grotesque amount of time preventing sad men from paying girls to make love from paying girls to make love to them, and it was instructive to see how easily you can get arrested in Golden Gate Park, never mind Prague, for something defined as Failing the Attitude Test. Lily and Judy, Dorothy and Mary-Ann fearless little females, Whicker called them, with evident affection. Altogether he leaned on his script and his subjects rather less insistently than usual, and folded his arms a good deal, taking it all in. Was he too soft on his in. Was he too soft on his hosts? Maybe. Worse, is he mellowing at last?

An intelligent affection was

felt even more strongly when he talked to the declared les-bians applying to join the force. The controversial representation of gays—it was never explained whether they would be given special duties within the huge gay community, or the huge gay community, or merely be absorbed, like the and this two-nour programme on the SFPD—specifically on the recruitment of women and, now, of homosexuals into the force—heralded his return to California for six programmes which will range over the latest West Coast manifestations of all firm I thought it movel emerged, the variety of name of all firm I thought it may be absorbed, like the women, into existing regular women, into existing regular women, into existing regular to the outrage following the murder of the mayor in 1978. Whicker treated the case sympathetically of name of all firm I thought it may be absorbed, like the women, into existing regular work—arose from the outrage following the murder of the outrage calls and the case sympathetically of the case of the ca people insisting that the only distinction that matters is between good cops and bad cops was hearteningly wide.

Flemyng as Caesar

Robert Flemyng will take the title rale in Peter Gill's production of Julius Caesar, which opens at the Riverside Studios. Hammersmith, on May 21, and runs until the end of June.

> Others in the cast are John Price as Mark Antony, John Shrappel as Brutus, Michael Byrne as Cassius, Gillian Barge as Calpurnia and Anthony Head as Octavius.



Riverside

Irving Wardle

On Her Own

Before arming herself with a blond wig and spotlit dentures to launch into the official programme with Leiber and Stoller's "Ready to Begin Again", Eleanor Bron confesses to some doubts over the title of her one-woman show.

Rightly so. True, she is on her own with an accompanist (Patric Schmid) for 90 minutes, and a fair chunk of the entertainment consists of her own material. But at the same time. the stage is thronged with protecrive ghosts. From her open-ing second-hand funny story to the recurring names of John Fortune and Michael Frayn, she seems still cocooned with the Cambridge satirists in

whose company she brightened

mer and writer, without developing a robust public per-sonality. Her brilliant bike-riding memoir Life and Other Punctures consists largely of a series of narrow escapes from the clutch of inferior acquaintapces; and her career bears witness to the same dread of

cliche and resistance to being labelled, plus the sense of be-ing scrutinized by an elite rather than making contact with an audience. In the present show, she seems ill at ease until she slips on a character mask, and she even rounds the evening off with a mock-cookery piece called "Breadcrumbs" about a lady who likes so few people that she prefers grinding up loaves for the birds. It is quite

cpilogue. haunted by a dismayed sen Otherwise her own sketches furility, aging, and death.

Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

funny, but it makes a frosty

British television in the 1960s. keep up the attack on awful Since then she has continued to liven the scene as a perforpeople with money: a ginpeople with money: a gin-raising her voice to a blind piano tuner ("So you're blind! You don't know what you're missing ("); and another Home Counties lady shot dead by her husband while penning the kisses on an adulterous letter. The best of these (another collaboration with Mr Fortune) introduces a television course in do-it-yourself surgery in the brisk Fanny Craddock manner.

The same targets crop up in sketches from other hands; a polite gossip with the Almighty by Michael Frayn ("I mean my youngest sister outside Watford, as thou knowest"), and one of John Mortimer's exposures of sexual excess in the suburbs.

Alongside this confident satiric vein, Miss Bron also includes quantities of semi-comic and entirely straight material

Coming from writers as diverse as Stude Terkel, Randall Jarrell and Peter Nichols, it is all high quality stuff -not least two farewell letters from fighter pilots, one British, one Japanese, before making their final mission. The material is clearly there because she cares for it; but equally it seems that the more closely it touches her, the less it activates her talent as a performer.

It is easy to praise the show in negative terms, as a tentative self-portrait containing not a single false note. But one could have put up with a few false notes in exchange for more passages, like her exuberant Dijon au pair girl or her deadpan Jacques Prevent number, when she really comes to life and takes a few risks. This might happen more often in the songs square note-reading accompan-

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Athletics

Fellow Geordie may make Foster step up to the marathon

If Brendan Foster is lovingly regarded as the Pied Piper of Gateshead, then Mike McLeod is as highly thought of at Elswick, just down the road. Foster may be the man who got the North.

East on its feet and running, but
his bearded fellow Geordie looks nts pearage renow Georgie 10085 set to take over from him, for it is McLeod's recent and current form over the middle distances that may persuade Foster to court selection for the marathon in this year's Olympics. vear's Olympics.

oFster and McLeod used to be oFster and McLeod used to be training partners but they became close rivals. It was in July 1978 in Edinburgh that McLeod served notice that Foster could no longer regard humself as undisputed cock of the North, by beating him in the 5,000 metres in the United Visident championships. Three Kingdom championships. Three weeks later in Edmonton, Foster weeks later in Edinoiton, ruster gained splendid revenge when he won the Commonwealth Games 10,000 metres title with McLeod third. It was remarkable that two men, virtually from the same parish should win medals in the same event in a major championsame event in a major champion-ship, but there was no sentiment. Foster and McLeod saw it only as a victory and a defeat respectively. Since then, however, McLeod as stepped right out of his neigh-lour's shadow, In his early days an athlete he had to live with

Move to lift US athletes out of 'depression

Indianapolis, April 15.—The man who was to have been head coach of the United States athletics team at the Moscow Olympics, Jimmy Carnes, has called a meeting of officials and athletes to formulate a new international summer schedule.

Mr Carnes said in a prepared statement yesterday that United States track and field athletes were "dejected, depressed and et back" as a result of the United States Olympic Committee's decision to follow President Carter's advice and boycott the Games because of the Soviet Union's intervention in Afghanistan.

Intervention in Afghanistan.

He called on athletes' representatives and officials of the Arhetics Congress (TAC), which took over as the governing body of the sport from the Amateur Athletics Union (AAU) last year, to meet on April 27 to set up a new schedule.

After praising the Olympics for the cast exposure they give

the vast exposure they give amateur sports, Mr Carnes said:
"It is now obvious that President Carter, Congress and the American public know the value of sports.

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the myth that Foster was unbeatable. This year, he hopes to build a myth about himself.

McLeod is a lean, sparse-haired man with a ferocious sprint finish which can be dramatically effective as long as he is in a challenging position at the right time. Experience is putting him in that positon more and more often, and he took advantage of an unexhe took advantage of an unex-pected opportunity in September 1979 to win the Dubai Golden

1979 to win the Dubai Golden
10,000 metres in Brussels.

That was the night Steve Ovett
failed by a tenth of a second to
match Sebastian Coe's world 1,500 match Sebastian Coe's world 1,500 metres record and McLeod's performance was overshadowed. But the fact was that as the race unfolded in his favour, he was there to unleash another of those finishes and beat a good class international field. Foster was second 12 seconds helind It was second, 12 seconds behind. It was a determined run by McLeod, in a fast time, and it meant that he had beaten his old friend and enemy

beaten his old friend and enemy over both classic distances.

Like many other top British athletes McLeod spent the first weeks of 1980 in New Zealand where he collected a number of successes. He is good and getting better, and if Foster does not make his mark for Gateshead in Moscow, this uncompromising character from down the road certainty could.

Distinguished additions to marathon field

Ian Stewart, who won a brouze medal in the 10,000m at the Olympic Games in 1972, and Tony Simmons, fourth in the event at the 1976 games, have been added to the entry for the AAA marathon championship, sponsored by the Provincial Insurance Company, at Milton Keynes on May 3.

"The scrutiny committee have examined both their entries and accepted the reasons for their late enrival". John Martell, national administrator of the AAA said yesterday. "Stewart's entry was clearly delayed in the post; Simmons had thought that as a member of the Welsh AAA marathon pool he was automatically entered. "He has been training on the continent and immediately on his return he consulted us when he discovered that his name was not among the 352 competitors."

Simmons, of Luton United Harriers, won the AAA marathon title two years ago but did not defend last year. Stewart, now making a successful cometack, was within a second recently of Brendon Foster's short-stage record on the national road relay course at Sutton

Scottish first division

Scottish second division

Today's fixtures

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RUGBY LEAGUE: First Division: Blackpool B v Warrington (6.15), Second Division: Berrow v Bremiey.

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slashing people and property, curs-ing, swearing, singing lead songs at maximum volume, cheating, stealing—it all goes on.

The most disturbing aspect however, is that this uncivilized behaviour is increasing. England, the Football Association and Wembley Stadium Ltd may have Wembley turt three seasons ago after Scotland won 2—1, although Flashback to 1977: Scottish supporters mount an assault on one of the Wembley goals. Most Bunes, Sec. 7in tall and

Scots could soon lose the chance to relive past glories and avenge disasters

Misbehaviour may bring Culloden

there is no improvement in behaviour next year. Various proposals have been

Scotland's football supporters are beginning to realize that their chances of ever again seeing their country play England at Wembley. are increasingly slim. The alternatives are to abandon the fixture or to play at Wembley before what would be, nominally at least, a totally English crowd.

The possibility that the annual match between England and Scotland might soon live only in the memory would not even have occurred to the football world. five years ago. It is not only the oldest, it is the international match of the year for Scots-the ultimate. in challenge between two countries in any sport. If an unknown god were to reach down and repder the English goalkeeper paralysed 10 times in 90 minutes. that god would have 100,000 worshippers . . . at least until the next time; but the next time could be the last time. If it is, the Scots will have only their more unruly supporters to blame.

Association football matches, and to some extent rugby football 1dgroud matches, have always moments of high tension betw the two nations. Most, though by no means all of it, has been generated by the Scots and the reasons are clear; the Celt is a much more volatile creature than the Anglo-Saxon. In Hampden Park and Wembley he sees Bamockburn and Culloden, an opportunity to relive past glories and avenge disasters.

That the year is 1980 and not 1746, and that the round object is a football and not an Englishman's head, do not occur to him. This is one of his few opportunities to grind the representatives of the greedy, ruthless, hateful Englishman he sees it—into the earth.

If the court can be in England's

If that earth can be in England's own capital, where his distorted thinking leads him to the need to rise above millions of his worst enemies, so much the better. That and copious quantities of mixed drink, which he can neither afford nor take equably, produce together the sad savagery London and Wembley have seen in recent

It has happened elsewhere—in Lisbon, for example, when Celtic won the European Cup and in Argencing when Scotland did not win the World Cup—and it will happen again, Always it will happen at its most despairing and despicable when England or an English club side are in serious comparition. competition.

There is nothing wrong with the Scots giving their side tremendous encouragement, nor is objection to encouragement, nor 16 objection to celebrations after victory or honourable defeat. After all, let it not be forgotten that Scotland have won more often than they have lost.

What is totally unacceptable to the great mass of Scots, as much as to Londoners, is the approach by more than just a handful of those who misguidedly make the blennial trip south. Urliading in front gardens, defecting in tube trains, vomiting on pavements.

there were ugly scenes that weekend.

No revulsion could have been too strong at the horrible activities last year, when at times it seemed that half of London was being disgusted and terrorized. It was amusing at one point to watch two characters armed with an acetylene torch rying to cut their way into Wembiey, but not so amusing later to be locked inside a pub because the landlord would not oven the door to the gests " dry " trains on the way gests "dry" trains on the way south, routed direct to Wembley, with supporters herded to the ground and back again. Yet the most effective idea of all is being quiety introduced by the FA; it has a real sting in the tail and it is this sting which is now getting through to the Scotlish supporters. supporters,

English clubs are being told they will not be given tickets for the match at Hampden this year. Most of the tickets allocated by would not open the door to the horde outside. horde outside.

The future of the match is now in jeopardy: the Metropolitan police, British Rail, London Transport, FA and Wembley authorities have already beld several meetings, one involving the Home Secretary. The Scottish FA have been involved too, and took and the secretary are known to the SFA will be declined, with only a handful going to officials. This means that next year the FA will be able to send only a small number of Wembley tickets to Scotland, using the precedent. That indicates that after the some members are known to favour abandoning the fixture if

Hampden game next mouth there will be at least one more fixture at Wembley, but it could be the last. The kind of ingennity which

made, including playing every puts an acetylene torch to work fixture in Glasgow; another sag- will find ways round any prob lem: there are, for example, balf a million Score living in England —waiting no doubt to buy up the Wembley tickets.

New appointment: A former chief superintendent in the Metropolitan Police, Andrew Duniop, has been appointed the first general manager of the Scottish premier division club, St. Mirrent: Mr. Duniop, aged 53; a former Scots Guardsman, was chosen from 60 applicants; until his new-appointment he was stadium manager at Chelsea. manager at Chelsea.

manager at Chelsea.

In his police work he had considerable experience with football crowds at Tottenbam between 1957 and 1970 and at Wambley from 1972 to 1975. His appointment is one of five stages in St Mirren's plan to modernize their stadium in Paisley, lavoive the local community in the club, and, hopefully, to win honours.

Gilbert threatens to Bari fulfil his promise

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Robin Drysdale, who ranks sixth
in Britain and has been on the
fringe of the Davis Cup tean for
two years, has falled to reach the
last eight of a modest field in the
last eight of a modest field in the
Debenhams tennis commaniem at
the Cumberland club, Hampstead
He was beaten 6—2, 3—6, 6—3
yesterday by Britain's Junior Clay
Court champion, Keith Gilbert,
aged 18, who lives near High
Wytombe
Cilbert is a finent stroke master
with an enviable tennis sense and
tills was a good performance. We
have become disiliasioned by the
inability of Brifain's promising
teeragers to make much impress
son on the professional circuit,
but for the moment Gilbert has a
good deal in his favour. His next
opponent will be Christopher
Bdarnam, who ranks tenth in
Britain and has won the Deben
lams event for the peat two years
a good deal tougher and
This is the Cumberland club's

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Britain and this won the Deben lams event for the past two years. This is the Cumberland club's centenary year. The tournament dates from 1977 and this is the fourth sponsored by Debenhams. The prize money is \$3,000, which is not much these days, but at least it is allocated to the four beaten 7-5, 6-1 t events on a more equitable basis than that spilled to tournaments than that spilled to tournaments hampered by grand prix regular the international who has the distinction of emerging them that spilled to tournaments hampered by grand prix regular the international who has the distinction of emerging the possible for the presence in strength of ranked British players, strongly challenged by the respective mind seeds: Dale Collings, of Queensland and Iris Kuhn, of West Germany, who won the 1978 British Harri Court Championship as Miss Riedel.

These familiar overseas challengers are here because at the moment they find England the best place for competitive match play. Germany, who are likely to play toue boat K Saever, 6-2 the last player of the property of the property of the respective of the property of the proper

Swiss-born American n plays for West German

Histori Head leisand, Soudi Caro weighing Ser Sib, was a least April 16.—What is a greety, honde, Swiss-bourt teerager from trends it tends. U blonde, Swiss-bourt teerager from trends protégées, she Florida and formerly of Peru come from a tenus fami doing in the West German Federa not take up the game tion Cup team? That question is was hire years old. B almost certain to be raised when the Federation Cup, the women's attract attention as an extension of the Davis Cup, begins invove player in Penus in Berkin on May 19 because of the beat attract attention as an extension of the Davis Cup, begins invove player in Penus in Berkin on May 19 because of the beat attract attention. Believe to pain the Penusian tone of the weed's most grounding. one of the recald's most promising young players.

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Cricket

Botham wins £400 tour award from sponsors

The England Test selectors discussed the captaincy for this summer's series against the West Indies at their meeting last night. Alec Bedsea, reappointed chairman of selectors for the thirteenth consecutive season, admitted earlier in the day that the subject would arise when he presented the Cornhill Insurance player awards in London for the recent tour of Australia and India.

One of the leading candidates

One of the leading candidates for the captaincy, Ian Botham, who was appointed on Tuesday to lead MCC against Essex at Lord's lead MCC against Essex at Lord's next week, dld not attend the presentation. His £400 award for the best all-round performance was accepted by Derek Underwood, with whom'he shared a room un the tour. It was Botham's third successive four award Mr Bedser said: "Ian bowled magnificently throughout the four and later on was able to confirm

magnificently throughout the tour and later on was able to confirm his batting ability. His performance in Bombay, both in skill and stamina, was quite remarkable by any standards." In that Jubilee Test Botham scored 114 and returned figures of 13 for 106, a record feat for an all-rounder.

Other absentees from the pre-sentation included the present England captain, Mike Brearley, and Geoffrey Boycott, whose £400 prize for the best individual batting performance of the tour was received on his behalf hy John Lever. The one award winner present was Bob Taylor, who cellected the £400 wicket-keeping prize, mainly for his world record performance in the Jubilee Test.

Peter May, who represented the Test and County Cricket Board, paid special tribute to the England side's behaviour both on and off these pitch last winter. "At a time when bad behaviour is creeping into the game I think our team can be congratulated for the way. can be congratulated for the way they conducted themselves throughout the winter ", he said. The Cornhill Insurance chair-

Mr Bedser the England team's £1,500 cheque for their win in the Jubilee Test, said: "This will probably be our most important and exciting summer yet. We have reached the middle year in our five-year sponsorship and with the Centenary Test against Australia following the five-Test with the Centenary Test against Australia following the five-Test series with the West Indies it promises to be a historic season."

In addition to the £200,000 Cornhill are putting into this summer's Test programme, the company are giving £90,000 to support the centenary game, with £5,000 prize money at stake. Victory by England over West Indies or Australia will pay the side £1,750 on top of the players' fee for each Test which rises by £200 to £1,400.

John Woodcock writes: Of the 100 or so former Test players now living overseas, who will be guests at the Contenary Test in August, the oldest will be H. L. "Stork" Hendry, who toured England with Warwick Arm-

August, the oldest will be H. L.

"Stork" Hendry, who toured England with Warwick Armstrong's side in 1921. Hendry, now 84, is still a regular visitor to Sydney Cricket Ground.

Although Sir Donald Bradman is missing from the list of acceptors, it is still hoped that he will be at Lord's when the time comes. Bradman is a great believer these day in the "low profile". From those who will be coming, and who played for Australia before the last war, the tollowing 12 could be put into the field: W. H. Ponsford, J. H. Fingleton, W. A. Brown, A. L. Hassett, A. G. Chipperfield, L. S. Darling, C. L. Badcock, M. G. Waite, H. L. Hendry, E. L. A'Beckett, F. L. McCormick, W. J. O'Reilly.

I am not were who would keep wicket, it might have to be Len Darling, who still looked wonderfully fit in Adelaide recently. Sadly, Clarric Grimmet, now 38, is not well enough to come and howly his leep breaks at the other.

throughout the wlater ", he said. is not well enough to come and The Cornhill Insurance chair-bowl his leg breaks at the other man, Cecil Burrows, who handed end to Bill O'Reilly.

Bacchus called up for tour

Port of Spain, Trinidad. April

16.—The West Indies selectors have announced a touring parry for England which has just one change from the side that went to Australia and New Zealand recently. Faoud Bacchus, the ireplaces dependable all-rounder Larry. Gomes of Trinidad and Tobago.

The reasonable analysis of the Barbados pace bowler, who failed to gain a place in the tour party, will have to leave almost immediately to report to his English county. Middlesev. His captain Peter Short, secretary of the Barbados Cricket Association, said he had telephoned Middleser requesting

The team will be captained by Clive Lloyd, of Guyana. The manager is the former test opening batsman Clyde Walcort of Barbados and the assistant manager-treasurer is Cammue Smith, also a Barbadian and former Team Team. former Test player.

A vice-captain has not yet been selected. The two mian candi-dates are Deryck Murray, of

pace bowler, who failed to gain a place in the tour party, will have to leave almost immediately to report to his English county. Middlesex. His captain Peter Short, secretary of the Barbados Cricket Association, said he had telephoned Middlesex requesting their permission for Daniel to stay on for a vital Shell Shield match between Barbados and the stay on for a vital Shell Shield match between Barbados and the Windward and Leeward Islands from May 25 to 28.

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Cycling

Madiot turns on speed and takes

yellow jersey

By Michael Coleman

For four bours of today's 119mile stage of the Sealink International, back in Britain after two
daring days in the Netherlands, a
French and Norwegian did nothing
at all. They were not a bit concerned when Willi Kerr, of
Ireland, last year's winner, and
Steve Poulter (GB) disappeared
over the rolling fields of Essex
soon after we had left the Harwich quayside. Nor, when two
hours later, the pair were joined
by Shaun Fernvick (GB). They
rolled along in perfect harmony. rolled along in perfect harmony, more than three minutes in front of the pursuing 16-man field and with Spaiding getting ever nearer.

Back in the multi-mational
bunch, the leader, yellow-jerseyed
Morten Saether, of Norway, was pedalling economically at the rear while on his wheel was Marc Madiot, from Poiders, dynamite on wheels this season in France, and so well off as an amateur that it has not been necessary to join the paid ranks. It was his twenty-

the paid ranks. It was his twentyfirst birthday.

At the 75 mile point just after
the food was handed up, a Dutchman. Bert Wekema, chanced his
arm and shot away with such
speed that in just 25 minutes he
had bridged the two and a helf
minute gap. His arrival however
proved the death of the combination for he was too highly placed
in the race to be acceptable to
Jim Hendry, the National Director
of Racing who suddenly appeared of Racing who suddenly appeared alongside the five on a pillion. Despite Kerr's efforts it was altogether at Wisbech (90 miles) but not for long for with the camy intuition that he showed yesterday when taking the 100 mile stage from Rotterdam to The Hook, Madlot escaped with his team mate Philippe Bodler and four others. They included Saether but also stephen Bother of Included Saether but also Stephen Roche, of Ireland, but racing now with the ACBB Club. Paris and on good terms with

Paris and on good established Madiot.

Just like yesterday Madiot turned on his full speed over the last miles of the course, shedding the course of the cou the chasing field and canturing not just the day's £174 prize but clso the yellow jersey from Speakers ciso the Saether.

It was another disappointing day for Britain, the English losing Tony James, who crashed heavily Tony James, who crashed heavily at the Scalink stage and both Scan yates and Tony Doyle, buckling wheels. It all meant energy sapping work to regain contact. There was a small crumb of comfort in Bob Downs' eighth place today for it leaves him only 17sec behind the race leader.

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Badminton

Miss Köppen's injury may give Briton her chance

Grom Richard Streeton
Groningen, April 16
Strained back muscles suffered
by Lene Köppen, Denmark's world,
European and All England champion, have left the women's
singles open at the European badminton championships here. During today's rest day, Miss Köppen
complained of some reaction after
playing for the first tima for a
fortnight last night, when ahe
helped Deumark bear England in
the team final.

Miss Köppen has a bye when
the individual programme starts
tomorrow, and she has until
Friday lunchtime before starting
the defence of the title she won
at Preston two years ago. If she
is forced to withdraw, or is
below her best, the women's
champion could come from Karen
Bridge or Jane Webster, of
England, or Joke van Beuseköm
of the Netherlands.

Miss Köppen was examined by a
doctor during the day who advised
her to acratch from the mixed
doubles in which she and her partner, Steen Skovgaard, were seeded
second. Miss Köppen, who has the
more important world championships in Jakarta coming up in May,
was also advised to retire
immediately from the singles if
she felt any pain during her
matches. It is a sad blow for Miss
Köppen, a Copenhagen demtist,
and one of the most popular
players here.

Miss Bridge is the number two

players here.
Miss Bridge is the number two
seed and though losing, she showed
she was in good form against Miss

Köppen withdrew front the mixed doubles rubber afterwards, and this led to a late process from John Havers, the England francing, that was rejected. As Denmark had already gained a winding so had before fire mixed doubles there were many who fakt the process was unnecessary. Miss Webster it seeded in Miss Köppen's thaif of the draw; and has a fairly, easy pade until their scheduled meeting in the semifinal round. Miss Bridge should has not looked fitter for years. With the support of the crowd, she could play above therself.

Miss Bridge also has to get past. Kirsten Larsen, the Denish school, girl who recently did, so well at Wembley, and who in the next two years could provide one of the new faces the sport needs. A good showing by Miss Larsen will earn her an invitation to take part in the Masters fournament, sponsored by Friends Provident, at the Albert Hall from September 23 to 22.

Notody is looking beyond Morten Frost Hansen to wim the men's singles here, but his fellow Dane, Flemming Delfs, will run him close. Danish supporters had never seen Delfs, play better doubles than in the team final. Nora Perry and Miss. Webster and Irelay Reports from China, I many, Hungary, Italy an Indian Cose. Danish supporters had never seen Delfs, play better doubles than in the team final. Nora Perry sindlarly, the mixed.

Horse trials

Columbus to set the standard in dress:

By Pamela Macgregor-Morcis

The Badminton Horse Trials, which start today with half the field doing their dressage, are still not only the most famous and toughest in the world but also the mest richly endowed. The rider to whom the Queen presents the Whitbread Tropay on Sunday will also receive £2,000, and though this is not to be compared with the inflated rewards for show jumping at top international level, it is still double that offered in 1976.

The days when riders of the class of the Australian team captain Bill Roycroft and Lorna Haviland rode three horses spiece around this gruelling cross country course have gone for ever.

As two is row the maximum allowed, Captain Mark Phillips. with is hoping for his fourth vic-tory, has withdrawn his new horse, the Britis Equestrian Federation's Roug and Tough, and is relying on the Queen's home bred 15-year-old Columbus on whom he won in 1974, and the Range Rover team's Lincoln, Lucinda Prior-Palmer has given the ride on Village Cossip

to Charlie Micklem, and is puming, strings, some of whom u her hopes for a record fifth victor ment a more flatterir tory on last year's winner, Killaire, ment and the grey New Zealand-bred. Chris Collins and his sliver medal team horse, sliver medal team horse,

in the grey New Zealand-bred in the grey in the first to start at two years ago. By this less set the mandard He will be followed immediately by Malyangr in the standard string have been set. An early start is not have not the Midland Bank in the grey have been set. An early start is not the champion, John of Gaunt. Then some the before it was comes the Danish European channolon, Nils Hagensen, on his second string, Camicotta.

Richard Meade, who has three second string Camicotta and last won Badminton on the foreit of the foreit it is drawn in next on the tourier Irish trian horse, Kifcastel and then comes Rachel Eayliss on the holder of the European silver medial Guigle Seko Jimi, Hagensen the Greek All these are very use ful performers in drawsage and Richard Meadeon Specula what is unpresive do their test is this year, due to the Olympic, a high powered assembly of Record Lincoln brings up the rea

ulfilhis may be kindest ar Barnes

fth Italian Open which starts here is the younger to break through. make their mark f the top 20 in last n order of meri Jale Hayes, winner is not here but it to find 11 other entered because if them took first an tournaments.

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which includes Alitalia and Lancia, Perre money has kept pace with inflotion and the winner will take home about 15,000

Italy, to their credit, move their national championship round the national championship round the country and this year it returns to Aquasanta, where seven years ago Tony Jacklin scored a victory. It is an old tashioned kind of course which was laid out in the early years of the century by a group of British diplomats. They were not noted for their skill in course design but they clearly had an eye for country and came up with some tirst class holes.

The course measures a little over 6.500 yards but there are out of hounds and ditches lying in wait for the wayward shot. The greens hook lovely and have as yet invoked no adverse comment This Is hardly surprising for they have been under the supervision of Italy's most distinguished woman goller, Mrs Isa Goldschmid. If one had to point to a leader of the

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problems. His record, however, is outstanding. He has won six times in the 12-month qualifying period, including two this season. Lou Gruham, with three, has the next highest number of victories in the next high nu

teros fights fatigue

| Cornia, April 16.—
| Steros is fighting in the 30-man field of champions. Meanwhile, Warson, the outstanding player in the game for the past three years, is having some problems of his own. He had a disappointing Mosters and said he is still expectencing some swing of 10-shot advantaged. His record, however, to d. 10-shot advan-

inaway became a and character for ard. He was equal t took its toll, tired," he said round over the ir 72 La Costa urse, site of the tent of champions period.

Ballesteros has won twice but they happen to be two of the biggest, the Masters and British Open. The other multiple-winners are Lee Trevino. Jerry McGee, Andy Bean, Craig Stadler and John Fought. John Fought.
In addition to Warson and Ballesteros, the leading contenders for the \$54,000 first prize include Trevino, US Open champion Hale Irwin, Hubert Green, and David Graham, of Australia, the Professional Gold Association champion.

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Boxing

Hansen expects hard fight from Singleton

Copenhagen. April 16.—The European welterweight champion. Joergen Hansen, of Demmark. will enter the ring as hot favourite when he defends his title against Joey Singleton, of Britain, tomorrow night.

But Singleton, who has had 30 professional bouts, winning 25, losing four and drawing one, has won his last six bouts in impressive style. His last defeat was against another Dane, Hans Henrik Palm, in February, 1979. Palm, 23, will meet the winner of tomorrow's bout. He was named the number one challenger by the European Boxing Union in Rome yesterday.

A victory for Singleton would be a surprise as he is not ranked in the top 15 European welterweights.—Hausen, 37, is in his second reign as champion, winning the title for the first time in 1977. He surprisingly regained it last

the title for the first time in 1977.
He surprisingly regained it last year when he knocked out Dave Green, of Britain, who unsuccessfully challenged the American Sugar Ray Leonard for the World Boxing Council welterweight title earlier this month. Hausen has lost only 13 of his 78 bouts and in his last defence in February he beat Alois Carmellet, of Belgium, in five rounds.

in ms last detected, of Belgium, in five rounds.

Although confident of victory, Hansen said that he rates Singleton much higher than Carmellet. "Singleton is a busy boxer with a dangerous left and it is going to be a tough fight", he said.

Leonard meets Dunan: The World Boxing Council welterweight champion, Sugar Ray Leonard, of the United States, vesterday signed to meet a Panamanlan contender and a former lightweight champion, Roberto Duran. The New York promoter. Bob Arum, said it would be "the greatest fight in our time". The contract will mean 55m for Leonard and \$1.5m for Duran.

Mike Treiner, Leodard's legal

Leonard and \$1.5m for Duran.

Mike Treiner, Leonard's legal
representative, said the bout would
be on June 20 in either Canada
or United States. Among possible
sites for the contest, the promoters mentioned the Houston
Superdome. New Orleans. Superdome. New Orleans, Louisiana, Caesar's Palace in Las

Vegas or the Olympic Stadium in Montreal. "The contract signing came at the end of a three-hour meeting in the home of Panamanian businessman Carlos Eleta, who manages Three-AP who manages Duran -AP.

Racing

Piggott puts faith in Our Home for classic

By Michael Seely

Lester Piggott will ride Our Home in the 1000 Guineas. Michael Stoute confirmed this yesterday after Roussalka's full sixter had worked smoothly on the limekilns. Due to a minor setback three weeks ago, Our Home will have to forego a preparatory race. However, Stoute and Piggott are well satisfied with the filly's progress. This is the only classic in which the maestro has but a solitary success, having ridden Humble Duty to victory for Peter Walwin in 1278. Our Home is top priced at 12 to 1 with Mecca. Piggott was in sparkling form yesterday, landing a double with the Tote Free Handicap on Moure-

Piggott was in sparkling form yesterday, landing a double with the Tote Free Handicap on Moures of the Ladiroke's Aliemant Stakes on Gypsy Dancer for Bill O'Gorman. Moorestyle gained a convincing victory. Sent clear of his field in the dip the Manacle colt ran on strongly to withstand the challenge of laufan by a length with Belmont Bay two and a half lengths away third. Moorestyle wish Belmont Bay two and a half lengths away third. Moorestyle was bought for 4,000 guineas as a yearing by the Susan Piggott bloodstock agency. He is entered for the English, French, and irish 2,000 Guineas, but as yet his trainer has no firm phans. The Free Handicap form always works out well, however, and Moorestyle and Taufan bad become unbalanced racing into the dip.

Gypsy Dancer's win gave O'Gorman's sprint double. At about the same time as Piggott was driving.

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From Desmond Stoneham

Paris, April 16.

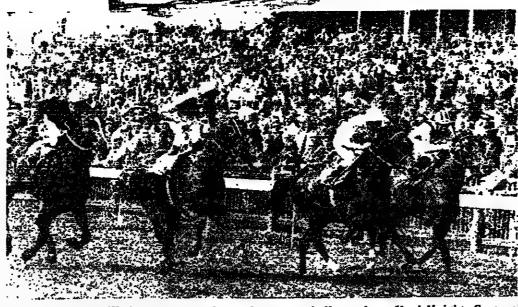
French Racing Correspondent

The group three Prix de Ris-Orangis at Evry tomorrow has attracted seven runners and my selection for the mile event is Boitron. Wolverton is sure to be a great danger and others in with a fair chance are Hilal and Player.

a fair chance are Hilal and Player.
Boltron, who is owned by Stevros Nuarchos and trained by François Boutin, raced with the best last season but, recently, the son of Faraway Son has heen best known for his imenviable task of heing lead horse for the 2,000 Guineas favourite Nureyev on the Chantilly gellops. Normally, Nureyev leaves the four-year-old Boltron in his slipstream at morning work, so a victory for Boltron romorrow can only be construed as a great compliment for Nureyev, particularly, as the pair carry virtually, the same weight during preparation work.

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After winning the Prix Barne-

Boitron best for mile



Willie Carson, on Ela-Mana-Mou, resists a three-way challenge from Haul Knight, Cracaval and Welsh Chanter in the Earl of Sefton Stakes.

velut at St Cloud, last April, Boitron went on to finish fourth hehind Tap on Wood in the 2,000 Guiness at Newmarket. But, pos-

Guiness at Newmarket. But, possibly the cont's finest performance came in the 61 furlong Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville last August. Here, Boirron eadly defeated King, of Troy, Daring Morch and King of Macedon.

Whereas the almost certain firm ground at Evry tomorrow will suit Boktron, it may not enhance the chance of Wolverton who, not fully wound-up, heat Caldoun half a length in the Group Three Prix Edmond Blanc last month. Caldoun did not over-advertise the

doup did not over-advertise the form in the Prix de la Butte Morte-mart at Longchamp last Sunday.

Third in the Prix Edmond Blanc came Hilal and he will also be much fitter for the outing. Player,

who was one of two pacemakers for Troy in the 1979 Arc de Triomphe, is now trained by Guy Ronnaventure. On March 29, Player narrowly won the Prix le Cepneln at Caint-Cloud.

Newmarket programme

[Television (ITV): 2.30, 3.0 and 3.30 races]

Ludlow programme

2,45 CHASE MEREDITH CHASE (Hunters · £784 : 3m)

3.15 HENLEY HALL HURDLE (Handicap : £1,359 : 2m)

2.0 GRANBY STAKES (2-y-o : £1,994 : 5f).

Major Hern's horses are running well. Gallantly though Prince Bee hattled on to finish second in the Wood Ditton stakes, the three-year-old never looked like catching Royal Fountain, who justified 7 m 4 favourinsm in the hands of Paul Cook. Luca Cumani trains the winner for Dr Cario Vittadni and plans to run the Royalty colt in the Heathorn Stakes at the Guineas meeting. Royal Fountain was bred by Edward Hide at his Huttons Ambo stud in Yorkshire. For the second day running Jeremy Hindley saddled the winner of the two-year-old race when Bobby McAlpine's home bred Bold Wond sprinted home to a comfortable success in the Bartlow Maiden Stakes, The Bold Lad filly is now bound for Chester where here proud owner hopes to see Bold Wood ropeat the victory of hor dam, Stunog Wood in the Lily Agnes Foal Stakes.

Bruce Hobbs saddled the winner of the April Maiden Stakes for the third successive year when Geof-

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Derby States. Epsom. Abolos Alrous. Goldko, Harbor. Karellam Linon Rose. Northright. Paysan. Calas Eckee Commission Ayl. Drama. Calas Eckee Commission Ayl. Drama. Calas Eckee Commission Calas Ca

Two-year dearths ended

Burglar Tip provided Geordie Wallace with his first winner for two years tat Hamilton yesterday but he also has a date with the stewards to account for the fully's improving running.

Wallace, who trains in Grantham and whose last winner was Kaymay at Newcastle, explained that when Burglar Tip trailed in fourteenth of 16 runners at Ripon last week, tehefilly failed toget the six furlongs. After only a short inquiry, the stewards accepted the explanation.

Burglar Tip, owned by Harry Reed, a farmer from Cromer, was brilliantly handled by young Bryan Jones, who was content to sit in behind Walter Osborne in the Strathaven Handicap. It was only approaching the last one and a half furlongs that Burgler Tip crused into thelead.

Steve Smith Eccles needs one more winne rior his century, after hringing Conflict bome bythree lengths from Copper Tinsell in the Houston Handicap. Ian Walker misse dsadding his first winner of the season, as he preferred to attend Newmarket, his local course.

frev Baxter brought Lakin home four lengths clear of Mount Denall. The short priced favourite, Aleos, faded to finish fourth after making the early running. Hobbs presious winners of this race were Probable and Barley Hill.

Bro Curant was suspended for six days—from April 23 to April 30—by the Haydock Park stewards yesterday for his "careless and improper riding" on Bird Stream, who finished second to Ankus in the first division of the Nat

Curant banned

Flarman Maiden Stakes.

Balmuick Boy made most of the early running, but, just over four furiongs from home. Clwyd showed with a fractional advantage, Smith Eccles then shot Conflict, the 3-1 favourite, clear approaching two oute.

Bella Travaille, failed to reach her reserve when sent to the Doncaster sales, but was later hought privately by Russ Hobson. Shel anded the Dolphinton Maiden Fillies Stakes by three-quarters of a length from Miss Chessy. Hobson has now had two winners this season from a string ht 14 horses.

4.5 HEATH STAKES (3-v-o : £4.596 : 1m 1f)

Evita must beware of an equine tomboy

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent

put through their paces on the third day of the Craven meeting at Newmarket this afternoon. Ladbrokes have again sponsored the Nell Gwyn Stakes, which is a warm-up for the 1000 Guineas on the same course a fortnight later. A year ago One In A Million galloped her way into the picture when she ran away with this trial, and she were on to win the classic itself. Her trainer, Henry Cecil, now hopes that another of his unbeaten fillies, Evita, will do likewise, but she will have to buck

her ideas up if she is to emulate One In A Million, Evita looks bright and well in her coat, but our Newmarket Correspondent has not been enamoured with the way that she has gone on the gallops recently.

Evita may be a lazy worker at home; but the fact is she only just beat Princes Matilda when she won at Ascor last September and Princess Matilda was unable to lose her maiden's allowance in the last race here on Tuesday. to lose her maiden's allowance in the last race here on Tuesday. In the circumstances Vielle could be the better bet this time. She, I know, has pleased her trainer, Bruce Hobbs, this spring and he must be bucked at having already won one classic trial this week with Tyrnavos. Last autumn Vielle locked as a maluchus nas to odin.

with Tyrnavos. Last autumn Vicile looked a prifle unlucky not to win the Hoover mile at Ascot; before that she had beaten Hello Gorgeous at Great Yarmouth, and Hello Gorgeous went on to pay her a glowing tribute by winning first at Ascot and then at Don-Our Newmarket Correspondent

describes Vielle as an equipe tom-boy. Today her toughness can stand her in good stead because she faces anything but an easy task. Abeer won both the Queen Mary: Stakes and the Flying Childers Stakes last season before she finished third in the Cheveley Park Stakes. It remains to be

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Racing Correspondent
It is the turn of the filles to be put through their paces on the litterd day of the Craven meeting

finished four lengths in front of another of today's runners. Luck Of The Draw, who now has a SIb advantage. A greater danger, though, should he Bartlewind, who impressed at Salisbury where she ran away with the 1.000 Guineas Trial; she is evidently no mug at home either, because her owner, Michael Scott, had backed her to win the 1.000 itself, at as long odds as 200-1, on the strength of her home work.

Last year the Heath Stakes was won by Ela-Mana-Mou and the year before by Shirley Heights: it dine alone will tell whether today's turnout includes a coli approaching their class. What my selection, Running Mill, has in common with Shirley Heights is the same sire, the 1971 Derby winner, Mill Reef. With his malden's allowance Running Mill should be hard to beat this afternoon because he has been pleasing his trainer, Michael Stoute, at home this spring, and Stoute is not one who is easily pleased.

Running Mill gets 10th from both Moomba Masquerade and Rontino, who last year were placed in the William Hill Futurity and the Royal Lodge stakes respectively. Henry Cecii runs Val de Gloire instead of Light Cavalry; Val de Gloire is a half brother to two classic winners by a third, but judged on his form so far he seems unlikely to attain such dizzy heights himself.

Rumour has it that Michael Masson will decide whether to run (Vidd in our 2000 Guineas or in the Irish equivalent after he has run in the Rowley Maiden Stakes, which by all accounts he envisages winning. Having been placed at Lingfield and Royal Ascot lest year. Widd certainly has a havourite's chance on form, but I still prefer Last Fandango, who caught my eye when finishing strongly in fifth place in the Easter Stakes at Kempton Park. Another Signicentre, who also ran well on the same afternoon there without also quite managing to finish in the first four, is my selection for the Boldboy Sprint Handicap.

Beverley's day of sprints

Beveriey will stage a unique day race on the £10,000 added proof sprints on April 26 when every gramme will be run over five furlongs. Racing on April 25 has been abandoned.

The Saturday programme inthudes the three five furlongs due to race during the next 17 days.

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to be run on the Friday with the three sprints on the original Saturday card. Four of the six races on the Saturday will be for two-year-olds, with one race each for three-year-olds only, and three-year-olds

of last week's meeting and tested the surface by galloping several horses over it. They found that, although most of the bend was sound, the small area which had been cordoned off last week, and which has subsequently been rewhich has subsequently been re-laid, may not be raceable unti-junc. As they were not prepared to allow a cordoned off area again, they ruled the round course untit for next week's meeting.

Newmarket | results vesterday

2.00 (0.01) BARTLOW STAKES 13-5-9: maiden filia. £2.106: 51 (ROUNG II: 3-y-0 handkap: 11,345: 1m 41)
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202 04001-4 Stephen's Day, F Durr. **-3
213 07-0 Left Request; J Hindley, 9-1
204 033- Grispin, J. Duniop, 8-11
20- 0404-0 Powerful Snort, P. Haslam, 9-8
206 0010-40 Starinseth, R. Hollinshead, 7-15
208 000- Klocy, W. Stephenson, 7-7
2-4 Ray, o The Reef. 11-4 Last Roquest, 4-1 Stephen's D
8-1 Powerful Snort, 12-1 others. ALSO HAN: 4-1 Cardishorn Lady (4th: 13-2 Heavenly Valley, 16-7 Southon Bells, 20-1 Jenny Barco, 7 Southbe Belis, 20-1 Jenny Barco, 7 (19).

TOTE: Win. GOD: places, 12c, 24p; dus/ forecast, 42p, CSF; 59p, 1. Hindley, 21 Nowmarket, 1'sl. 1'sls 1 nin 02.85 sec.

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Mill Latida, Store Charger, Straighteaway, 7rt Set, Betmoot Blue, Lightning Lady, 15 fap,
TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 17-2, 2p,
28p, Dual F 51.86, CSF, 21.50 L,
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4.35 (4.37) APRIL STAKES (3-y-o):
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ram, NR; Litaniat.
TOTE: Win, 38p; places, 12p, 57p,
31p; Dual F; £3.03 CSF, £5.90 R
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7. 300392 Alaskan Prince, K. Morgan, 5-11-4

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8. 01020 Yeckisonan (CD), A. Perry, 10-11-1

10. 111100 Swalfow Hill, L. Kennard, 5-10-9

11. 313000 Perambulate, D. Baruns, 11-10-8

12. 111100 Swalfow Hill, L. Kennard, 5-10-9

13. 0-1310 Space Ship (CD), J. Edwards, 5-10-P

14. 0-1310 Space Ship (CD), J. Edwards, 5-10-P

15. 0-10-124 Shadey Dove (C.D), G. H. Price, 6-10-7

16. 303000 Debunty (D), A. Brisbourne, 10-10-1

17. 1003-00 Mow Hear This (D), G. Balding, 6-10-S

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24. 10-0320 Hill Mary (C,D), R. Pocock, 7-10-1

25. 10-0320 Pulling Star (E), R. Clay, 9-10-0

26. 10-0320 Ruling Star (E), R. Clay, 9-10-0

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609 0-12 2.30 CROWN PLUS TWO APPRENTICE CHAMPIONSHIP 3.0 LADBROKES BOLDBOY SPRINT (3-y-o handicap: £2,456 : 6f) 5.01 23010-2 Sharid (CO), W. O'Coffman, 9-T ... Types 0
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MG 020-0 Charles Street, C. Brittain, 9-3 ... J. Lynch 1
MG 140-0 Sarmark (B.) T. Formson Jones, 9-5 ... P. Cook 5
MG 140-0 Sarmark (B.) J. Beltell, 9-2 ... J. Piggoll 10
MG 33203- Wren Recket, M. Jarvis, 8-10 ... M. Murphy M
MG 110 1204-0 Sarynfard's Pride, W. Marshall, 8-6 ... J. Merchy M
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MG 12 320-0 Outern Head, P. Keiteway, 7-11 ... W. Carron 6
MG 13 000-4 Bawdssy, N. Collaghan, 7-11 ... W. Carron 7
MG 14 Carboner Street, 12-1 Wren Rocket, 16-1 others. Newmarket selections

3.30 LADBROKES NELL GWYN STAKES (Group III: 3-y-o

By Our Racing Correspondent 2.0 Swan Princess. 2.30 Lat Request. 3.0 Another Signcentre. 3.30 Vielle. 4.5 RUNNING MILL is specially recommended. 4.35 Last By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.0 Pavarico. 2.30 Last Request. 3.0 Gamblers Dream. 3.30 Vielle. 4.5 Running Mill. 4.35 Te Kemawa.

Ludlow selections

By Our Racing Staff 2.15 Whistle for Jack, 2.45 Mountolive, 3.15 Hi Mary, 3.45 Sanflora, 4.15 Fury Boy, 4.45 Concorde Girl.

3.45 BITTERLEY CHASE (Novices: Handicap: 5982: 2m) 4.15 ASTON CHASE (Handicap: 51,340: 21m)

5-2 Fury Boy, 108-50 Justino, 4-1 Lone Ganeral, 15-2 Wild Chorus, 8-1 Heighway, 10-1 Stone Thrower, 12-1 Kabeau, 14-1 Bienlait, 16-1 others. 4.45 LONGMYND HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £533: 2m)

7. 210000 Flaming Testwood, R. Trigg, 6-11-10 B. de Haan 7

8. 00 A One Sprint, R. Whittie, 5-11-0 J. Harlow

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Tuesday's results Ludlow NH

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TOTE: Win. 11.04: places. 31p. 10p.
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Alert 4.9-5. Blue Refrain 4-9-5. House Guard 5-9-2. Conto Santi 5-9-1. Chaire 4-9-0. Lindoro 4-8-12. Masked Marvet 4-8-10. Platter 5-8-9. Darwood 4-8-9. Mysullicator 4-8-5. Double Manning 4-4-4. Joleo 4-8-5. Double Manning 4-4-4. Joleo 4-8-5. Double Manning 4-4-4. Joleo 4-8-2. Bande-laire 6-6-2. Be Better 5-8-2. Smorrd Boy 4-8-1. Tender Heart 4-R-0. Smartest 5-R-0. Subtr 4-7-13. Silveys Knight 4-7-12. Smarkover 5-7-11. Rome Solei 4-7-12. Smarkover 5-7-11. Smrthleach 5-7-10. Lasks Floke 4-7-11. Porthleach 5-7-10. Lasks Floke 4-7-10. Number 4-7-6. Interest Boy 4-7-9. Iron Lad 4-7-6. Better Bluster 4-7-7. Importal Ace 4-7-6. Better Bluster 4-7-7. Importal Ace Cheeffer Hellion. Olympios. Portance Withdrawall 7. Pragmatic. Vincent. Billion. Olympios. Double Vincent. Billion. Olympios. Double Vincent. Billion. Olympios. Princo. Hikari. Night Warch. Double Vincent. Shanglepoise. Another Eagle. Allantic City. Behmore Bay. Black Farl. Bonoi. Rozevict. Braughing, Calvacorossi. Carino. Charming. Nailye. Chourt. Charge. Cyprus Sav. Cerrain. Panshural. Docset Slar Final Straw. Flash N. Thunder Grester Colombo. Hanu. Health House. Helle Gorgeous.

Haydock Park results 2.0 /2.51 MORNINGTON CANNOW STAKES (3-3-8 maiden filling. £1,272 5()

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ALSO RAN 10-1 Mon's Lidy, 11-1
Crowebress, 20-1 Avondale Princess
14th's Beech Dair, Redwood Lodge,
8 ran,
TOTE Win, 57s; places, 11s, 14n,
16n, Duai F: 53s CSF 21.54, W.
O'Corman, at Newmarket, 71, 151,
1min, 03,41sqc.

2 30 (2.34) FRANK WOOTTON
HANDICAP (C1 307 1m 40vd)
MARD HELD, ch g, by Manacis—
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Bid Run ... M. Winham (7-1) 2
Norbki ... E. Hide (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 1-1 Ize Inra Marrier,
10-1 Morae Princesa, Silari 11-1,
Lunar Wind, 12-1 Sennar Nove 14-1
Briestypie Belle, Onluin Duren, 26-1
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3.0 :52: FREEDRY FOX HANDICAP
(C2.666: J'um 151vd)
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Milibani . . . B. House (10-1) 2
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Facadair, 4-2
Celestial firm, 9-1 side Track. 16-1
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Merseyside police's bridge building exercise with its pub lic last summer took in visits to Liverpool schools, a routine matter given the force's protive policing. Rather less routine was the response of one primary school pupil who, perhaps taking too literally the lisison officer's request for questions, asked: "Who killed Jimmy Kelly?"

The incident encapsulates one of the fundamental issues raised by the Kelly case, the extent to which the police succeed in putting into practice contemporary techniques of "community" policing. Despite the great hopes held out in some quarters for such techniques, the death of Mr Kelly indi-cates that in Merseyside, and probably many other forces,

answered only with difficulty. The inquest on Mr Kelly, which ended yesterday, was not intended to deal with this issue nor with the other repercussions of his death. These attention on deaths in police custody, a subject under investigation by the recently formed Commons home affairs committee, as well as the propriety of police investigating complaints against their colleagues and the apparently low rate of

resulting prosecutions.

Police accountability has also come under new scruting, partly as a result of strains on Merseyside police authority in the light of what some of its members felt to be the unforthcoming and somewhat high-handed attitude of Mr Kenneth Oxford, the chief con-stable, over the Kelly case.

committee took the unusual step of setting up a work-ing party to review police authority powers and although the majority conclusion was that these were satisfactory, a dis-senting minority still believes that police committees are no more than rubber-stamps for the chief constable: that he is immune from control by the com-mittee, which itself is immune from control by the local auth-Police powers have been under consideration by Merseyside county council for review by the Association of Metropol-

itan Authorities. The private member's Bill force, introduced last month by Mr Kelly or lack Straw, Labour MP for decision Blackburn, seeks to answer the Dir many of these criticisms. It cutions.

K division: the Merseyside penalty area

separate police complaints investigative agency so that skills built up during inquiries such as Operation Countryman are not dispersed when the inquiry ends. It also envisages greatly expanded powers for police including authorities. determination of general policing policies for their area, in-creased scope over the appoint-ment of senior officers and the right to call for an external investigation of a complaint against a senior officer and to be told of its results. Magistrates would be removed from membership and county counthe questions it poses will be cils given more control over authorities' financing.

Chief constables are oppose to such changes on the ground that they would extend political control. The counter-argument is that chief constables, individually and through the Association of Chief Police Officers, have themselves in recent years adopted a much more aggressively public political profile.

The Government meanwhile sees no reason for change. Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, takes the view that critics are in a minority and that apart from isolated cases, support for the police is strong and relationships between and relationships between police authorities and chief

The fact remains that, as one senior officer expressed it. Merseyside police were on trial at the Kelly inquest. Given the background to the case, that is hardly surprising.

The days preceding Mr Kelly's death last June were marked by an attack on two police officers outside a public house for which five men have since been jailed and a police raid on another public house in which 18 people were arrested. All three incidents took place in the same area of Huyton and have inevitably given rise to

suggestions of vendetts.
Allegations such as these were the subject of an inquiry by the West Midlands police force, whose report on the Kelly case finally resulted in a decision against prosecution by the Director of Public Prose-



James Kelly, who lived in Merseyside's K (Knowsley) division. The inquest verdict was death

In a later case a family who alleged that officers beat and kicked them during a neigh-bours' dispute have had charges against them of assault

on the police and wilful obstruction dropped.
Only a small minority of complaints against the police in Merseyside result in court or disciplinary proceedings, leading to the police response that meny are malicious. Nevertheless the overall level,

among the highest in the inde-country, rose two-and-a-half News times between 1974 and 1978 has and is now running at an average of more than 30 a overspill as a transplant-week. Outside London the town, in which a delinquent force registers the highest sub-culture, has merely been figure, with west Yorkshire, for deaths in police custody between 1970 and 1979.

The conclusion that many Merseyside residents draw from their experience of policing is borne out by the rate of acquittals in Liverpool Crown Court. The latest criminal statistics show that the proportion of defendants "not tried or acquitted" in Liverpool is, at variously as anti-authori-31 per cent, probably the tarianism and Celtic rebellious highest on the country, almost twice the national average and easily outstripping the other main metropolitan crown courts; it compares, for example, with 12 per cent in Newcastle, 14 per cent in Birming-ham, 17 per cent in Manches-ter and 20 per cent at the Old

The figure lends weight to a feeling in the city's legal cir-cles that juries are increasrobirated police evidence and provides one of the most accurate gauges of relations between police and public.

In few areas can such mis-trust, and the contrast between the policing an area wants and what it receives, be seen more openly than in Merseyside's K, or Knowsley, division, where Mr Kelly lived and to which him belonged. It is a truism that Liverpool is a tough city, Despite recent improvements it still registers the third high est rate of indictable offences in England and Wales and although it performs better in terms of offences of violence, there is evidence of a high evel of assaults on the police. It also boasts what is probably the heaviest concentration of police outside London. K division covers Kirkby and Huyton, from which the allega-

tions investigated by West Midlands police have emanated and which are renowned even within Liverpool for their rates. Both consist largely of post-war council housing for overspill from the city centre, the legendary "Scottie Road";

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described as "not so much an transported into a new and in many ways much less satisfying environment with relatively few amenines.

Features of that sub-culture include high unemployment among people tradinonally used to casual working, heavy drinking, often after-hours, illegal gaming and an attitude characterized mind anti-authorivariously as ness. The police response to it has been uncompromising. Pavement dice games have been broken up, large-scale raids staged on public houses with after-hours drinkers carted off in "meat wagons" and the vagrancy laws on loitering used to extremely un-popular effect.

Open warfare'

The result, according to one former senior K division officer, has been "open war-fare" between police and pub-lic. Mr Robert Kilrov-Silk, the local Labour MP for Ormskirk says that illegal gambling and after-hours drinking are part of local culture and do not represent a threat to the pubtactics, he adds, could be calamitous for relations between police and public. To some senior police officers that doubtless sounds suspiciously like the "no-go area approach to policing.

To this unimppy mixture is added a largely alien police force, drafted in from outside and regarding service in K division, in the words of a Merseyside police authority member, as a penalty.

Such alien policing is not a new phenomenon in the area. The Lancashere force, to which it formerly belonged, once mounted a large-scale recruiting drive which produced only one indigenous candidate. Anti-police attitudes and ostracism of police families finally led to an agreed upper limit of two

been sold off, now, according inner city. to one source, not one senior. Other experiments under K division officer lives within way provide for wolunter Knowsley. Knowsley.
Mr John King, deputy leader

of Knowsley borough council, and Kirkby's representative on Merseyside county council, cannor name the sub-divisional commander at Kirkby-the man designated by the force as the local community liaison officer. They get changed so fast", he comments.

Mr King says he has brought up the question of police turn-over with the chief constable. He adds: "I don't say Kirkby people should police kirkby, out if people were brought in who knew our lan-guage and the way we work and understood the social and economic problems of K divi-sion we would be half-way to rying to get things right.

The conclusion drawn by Mr
King is disturbingly similar to

the Clockwork Orange picture of policing quoted by Mr Michael Brogden, a sociology lecturer at Liverpool Polytecknic, in a book on police accountability to be published later this year. Inner-city areas and housing

estates, he says, are increas-ingly patrolled by outside bodies of young police officers whose only social loyalty is to their own new peer group: the "camaraderie" of the police. Merseyside police cannot be said to have been retrograde in attempting to implement our rent ideas on preventive polic-ing. The old Liverpool force's the forerunner of many others and more recently, in 1974, Merseyside initiated the Kirkby community project, an attempt to set up representative local committees to examine the with police help, look for alter-town's social problems and, with police help, look for alter-rative solutions to them, in view of police manpower above

At present the force has 52 juvenile liaison and assistant community liaison officers, all constables, out of a total strength of about 4,500. Its initiatives include a summer football lessue and neball compe-tition, involving more than 10,000 children, victim support

of the police housing has since centre and boxing club in the

offenders and for concentrated attention on schools with high-pupil crime rates. At the insti-gation of Mr. Oxford, said by one officer to be "really com-mitted" to community pelicing it also launched a campaign lust year known as "Merseyside into the Eighties with Pride", aimed at establishing joint district committees and sponsoring community initiatives, along the lines of the Kirkby project.

Mr King's proposed solution to the policing problems of Knowsley is, he admits, old-fashiomed it consists of higher manning levels, more foot patrols, older and more experienced constables and better lizison: An attempt is now being made to resuscitate the moribund police liaison com-mitted under the aggis of Knowsley council.

The response of Merseyside police is that they aim to simpolice is that they am to stan-ulate rather than be seen to be controlling community initia-tives. The public relations department also points to the involvement of many non-specialist policement in its com-

Beat ideology

Mr John Smith, an inspector munity policing ideology when he says the department's work would be ineffective without the support of the man on the beat. The relationship be-tween the officer on the beat and the public is his parameter. importance. Our role is in supplement it."

pleanent in the precisely that "beat ideology", stressing the primary of the uniformed foot patrol constable as the determinuse of police-public rela-tions, that bas been most seriously questioned in a recent piece of research written as an MSc thesis. Perhaps significantly, the research was bused on Merseyside and the author, Mr Mervys Jones,

Mr Jones's thesis, I desailed analysis of and policies within the side force, nowhere m by name, concludes the every factor of org and outlook within it service works against ideology. The beat is chiefly by young at perienced constables probationers, whose object rapidly beco escape from it into ski Synonym

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Bernard Levin

The highest form of torture by comfort

my recent travels, during which I several times, began to fear, and indeed hope, that I would shortly be writing my last word . my last words once; it was many years ago, when I was slavery. For the frightfulness of shout to have an operation— my experiences lay not in what for appendicitis, as a hardly expect me to pass up the cannot remember any previous opportunity for a little extra long series of complicated con-crams. As the man with knife nections that went so smoothly.

The truth of the matter is that modern air that modern air travel is food was no more disgusting absolutely intolerable, and if than it usually is I was not has got to be stopped. Indeed, obliged to attend to the films. my experiences on this trip and didn't. I was sitting in very were so frightful that I was considerable comfort; there almost reconciled to the exist were even two bunuses, in the keep a firm grip on my home staff their aeroplanes with ciples to prevent myself wishing human beings (do you know that it hadn't been so complete what American cabin-crews now a failure. And yet this is not a say when they are demonstratthe of late aircraft, of lost ing the emergency drill? It's baggage, of indifferent or in "... so that you should know competent staff and officials, of what to do in an unusual sine moving accidents by flood and ation"), and a final act of

And now for the last word on field, of hair-breadth 'scapes i les assassins com-los time; my luggago followed

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rough quarries, rocks and hills whose heads touch heaven. It is however, a story of being taken went wrong, but in what went close on my heels, like an exceptionally faithful dog; the

the belief that you can anaesthetise the horrors of flying by drinking yourself into a stupor? generosity by British Airways in Honolulu) more than fifteen; But of course I lie.

Parliament rush through a bill forbidding them ever again to do such a kindness for their customers. Then what am I complaining about? I am complaining about

being shut up in a box seven neiles high and subjected to torture by vibration for nine, ten or eleven hours at a stretch, that's what I'm complaining I have just worked out the total distance I flew in three weeks; it was a little over

28,000 miles. The bulk of that distance, however, was covered in four days, being the first, third, fourteenth and twenty-second of the journey. The first of these sectors covered 5,790 miles (London—Los Angeles— San Francisco); the second was of 7,480 miles (San Francisco— Honolulu—Sydney): the third of 6,930 miles (Sydney—Hong-kong—Delhi); the last of 4,480 miles (Bombay—Loodon). The transpolar flight to Los Angeles was of eleven hours duration; the one from San Francisco to Sydney (with only a brief stop destination, so much the better. it makes no sense to have the

two hours in Hongkong, where the girl at the security-check really did ask me, just as if she had supped out of a television comedy programme, whether I was carrying any cigalettes) roughly thirteen; homeward stretch about ten. And I tell you that such things are not to be endured by mortal

I have no doubt that there is a physiological explanation for the apparently inexplicable fact that sitting down in a comfortable armchair, being waited upon hand, foot and finger, can be the most exhausting, depressing, debilitating experience earth-or, to be precise, skycan offer. But I am not inter-

ested in understanding the phenomenon: I want it abolished. If I ever go to Australia again—or America, or India, or indeed anywhere further than Le Touquet—I am damned well going in a nice comfortable tea-clipper, and if it takes six months to get to my destination, so much the better.

telephone, or for that matter nuclear bombs; we would all be considerably better off if these things had never been invented, but now that they have been invented the world has adjusted itself to their existence so completely that we could not manage our lives without them.
Yet is it worth it? What is the point of getting from A to B if you arrive there feeling as though you had spent the hours of the journey in the cellars of the Lubianka being besten with truncheons? (And I, let me tell you, am considerably better off than most, for I suffer hardly at all from jet-lag in the ordin-ary sense of the word; the change of time-zone has practically no effect on me, and I adjust without difficulty to the fact that by my internal clock it is the middle of the night when by the external around me it is noon). This is not a matter that can

be put right with rest and re-cuperation. Of course, on a cuperation. Of course, on a short visit to a faraway place

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first couple of days written off as dead time while our bones point, because on a long view that would not matter anyway. But I begin to believe that something irreparable, and not at all subject to the restorative effects of a rest, or indeed of the attractions of new sights and sounds and experiences happens to the long-hop air neveller. I am becoming con-vinced that we shorten our thousand miles in one go, or even several goes.

I took every possible pre-caution; throughout the jour-neys I had work to do, for instance, and I did it, thus con-siderably reducing the time available for contemblating eternity or wondering whether the other passengers would think it odd if I were to open the door and step out. I drank little, too, having discovered many years ago that there is a terrible fellacy in the belief that you can anaesthetize the horrors of flying by drinking yourself into a strong the fellacy is that into a stupor (the fallacy is that when it wears off you feel far worse than if you had never started). And on top of this, as say, I travelled in what was, judging by appearances, sky comfort. And despite all this, I began to wish, with increasingly manic intensity, that I had never been born.

been born.

The world, it has been shrewdly observed, is too much with us. Air travel is the reductio ad horrorem of that truth. No doubt you can explain

Britain's poor export record and catch in it, the catch bisarre displomacy by the fact course, that our cir bizarre displomacy by the fact course, that our cir that our envoys, commercial and official, are half-dead most of or later the fight the time they are abroad but? I start, or we shall d am not interested in the practical applications of the night as a start, I look for mare, I am concerned to declare that something has gone hided diminished, and soously wrost with our lives, and that air traval will that what has gone wrong is pletely. There will exemplified at its starkest by its that, too; we shall declare the agony we endure in order have rendered ourse to go somewhere also. Not it, able of adjusting to the answer to stay where we thou, having long a are I wanted to go to Call done any afternati fornit, Australia and India last of getting about h month, and I am glad I did, worry about that pre And I have no doubt that by we are a bit nearer t the time another such trip while, I serve not looms up, I shall have per world that it has go shaded myself that it is not so its ways or incur it bad really, and that a day or displeasure. And if two in the sunshine when I svoid that fate, the errive will put me right, and that anyway I have made my bed and must lie on it. But I did not make this bed; it was made for me, by a process that is to be seen at work all round us, and that seems, more and more, to be automatic, self-perpetuating and unstoppable.

Who will rid us of this turbulant beast? How we can get a spanner into the wheel and jam it, preparatory to making it turn the other way? For as with air travel, so with much of the rest of our lives industrial production, urban living. political organization; perpetual political organization; perpetual Delhi, incidentally, motion has been discovered, and Next time, I shall go like every great boon in every cart. fairy tale, there is a hideous. O Times Newspapers Li

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BLACKPOOL DIARY

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Beardless but

A Conservative students' poster prominently on display here asks, "Should your union be run by a 161-year-old corpse from Highgate Cemetery?" In fact, it is quite like old times to have a communist back at the helm of the National Union of Students. The natural order has been restored in a way that should gladden all Tory traditionalists.

Dave Aaronovitch, the new president, certainly has all the right credentials for the job. He has had experience of two institutions of learning; first Balliol, Oxford, from which he was sent down after two terms, not for any subversive activity but simply for failing the German paper in his history prelims, and then Manchester University, where he graduated in history, a distinction he shares with both Mr Mark Carlisle, the Education Secre-tary, and Dr Rhodes Boyson, the junior minister in charge of

higher education, Aaronovitch's father, Sam, the son of a Lithuanian refugee who settled as a tailor in the East End, his mother, Lavender, the daughter of an Indian Army colonel, his sister and his younger brother are all members of the Communist Party. Rather quaintly he reckons that he himself is the first male member of the party without a beard to be elected president of the NUS since Brian Simon, now professor of education at

office in 1939.

At 25 he already has all the hallmarks of a professional student. He took office as secre-tary of the NUS the day after he graduated from Manchester. He is a powerful orator and has the useful gift of making a visit to the City of Manchester College of Higher Education to discuss the wording of an NUS policy document sound like a foray behind the Grunwick picket lines. Should go far.

Leicester University, held the

The prize for initiative at this conference must surely go to the Mayor of Blackpool, Mr Bobbie Warhirst, who had to face 10 minutes of barracking from left-wing students when he made his official welcoming speech on behalf of the hurghers of Blackpool. It is the second time that Mr War-hirst has had to brave on NUS conference—the last time unpleasant comparisons of a lavatorial nature were made about his mayoral chain of office. time he brought along his own lavatory chain to pre-emp any further assaults on the mayoral dignity.

Lights out

I have been trying hard to find evidence of the new mood of realism that is supposed to be gripping Britain's students. On the basis of this week's activi-ties at Blackpool, however, I fear that our leading article vesterday may have been a little premature in saying that their revels are now at an end. Blackpool Corporation, who At first I took the fact that asked for an end to late night



the conference proceedings are ending this year at six every evening rather than at midnight, as in previous years, to be a sign that students have at last realized that there are better things to do at night than debate priorities and composite motions. In fact, however, the early finish is simply a conces-sion to the forces of capitalism and Toryism in the shape of EMI, who own the Winter Gardens complex where the conference is taking place, and

Next year the union is moving its conference to Margate, where the local authority is happy for them to go on talking

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until midnight.

The only apparent sign that a more sober mood has overtaken the NUS seems to be the sad fate that has befallen the Epicurean Party, a once flour-ishing group that has successfully spread its hedonistic message across several campuses in the past two or three Now, however, the Epicureans

seem to have made an alliance with the Liberals and their once flamboyant leader, Christopher Hamel-Smith, a law student at Bristol University, has been markedly less flippant this week than at past NUS conference. However, he did appear in Bermuda shorts and I-shirt during the hustings for the presidential election, in which he polled a remarkably large number of votes. Old hands at prediction here reckon he could well be the man to succeed Aaronovitch as the next presi-

Capital!

Trevor Phillips, the outgoing NUS president, is hoping to tread an unusual path for an ex-student leader. Forsaking the lure of politics and trade unionism that has attracted so many of his predecessors, he actually wants to go into industry, and into a management job at that.
"What I'd like to do", he told me, "is to go into produc-

tion management in petro-

chemicals or oil. I want to end up as a real Finniston type engineer. They are the people with the real power nowadays, not the politicians."... With sentiments like that, I should think he is well on the way to receiving the plandits of the Industry Secretary and the entire capitalist establish ment.

Ecologists would be appolled. at the number of trees that must have been felled to keep the wheels of democratic centra-lism in motion at Blackpool this week. A bank of eight typewriters and six displicators are in almost continuous use charning out amendments and order papers in the room be-had the conference platform-Still, at least the NUS does is bit to provide employment. It takes six secretaries two week. By the time we fends to type the agenda docurright room, Mr Kin ments, and another six two unfortunately appare weekends to do the amend tumbed to the diments. And at least seven maids verbosity that afflicts with seven mops to clear up at NUS conferences, the mess in the Winter Gardens ingly lengthy question every night; I should think. earnest young man wh

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ealization that dustrial and Commercial sees play a vital Finance Corporation, GEC,

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Besides giving help ing. The Bolton committee influenced by the economic continued on page V estimated that 96 per cent climate, and small businesses

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other taxes.

much in evidence in tradi- source to start independent At this stage any delay tional industries such as businesses. Others use self- caused by planning author-

for process.

For small companies, parable, are a real problem. ticularly those which are BSC (Industry), the job just starting, finance is cri- creation subsidiary of the

textiles, printing and pub accumulated savings, help ties, leasing requirements, lishing. They also offer from friends, service pen insurance, transport or a specialist services to big factures and the like. Still host of other problems can tories such as the car manu-others build up their be fatal.
facturers. Industries in businesses gradually while It is not surprising that a which there is an important still in full employment high proportion of entre-Bank loans are the most pace. Business morrality

clothing and furniture, have common means of augment figures vary, but according always nurtured small coming funds and covering to one study more than 70 delayed payment by custom- per cent of all business failing commerce, where capital proprietors are heavily 10 years and more than 60 requirements tend to be dependent on their bank per cent within the first lower than in manufacture managers. Banks in turn are five.

tical, because of the inev-British Steel Corporation, itable interval between setting up a company and workshops when it congetting paid by customers, verted some of its disused. The Confederation of British steelworks into small busings company and workshops when it congetting paid by customers.

decline in small businesses, stables or back street cormanagement structure with separate functions being managed by specialists.

It should not form part of a larger enterprise which was traditionally used infant businesses. Conventionally used infant businesses. There is nothing really to too big and too expensive to take the place of the legacy. start a business in Local committee suggested that Too little is known about authority planning regula-there were at least 1,250,000 how redundancy pay is tions inhibit householders small businesses (more than spent for any firm conclus from using their front par-90 per cent of all com-sions to be drawn about it. lour, garages or garden panies) and that small Anecdotal evidence suggests sheds for business purposes, businesses employed more that for most recipients it is. The breaking point for than seven mallion people too little to do more than companies often comes (about a third of the cushion the period before when a move to larger, employed population).

finding another job.

more costly premises is But a few do use this needed to sustain growth.

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In America nothing is done time, Isaving his official plane from these facing the appear to be in the right and assale. Even the one amail scale. Even the American opproach to small business are by the budding United Kingdom accuse. The usestion are proposed to small business the source of the control of the control of the standing and political plane from these facing the appear to be in the right proved of small business the standing and political power of small business the third facing and political power of small business the standing and political power of small business the small business

State intervention is sensitive issue

Loan guarantees still hotly debated

Ever since Mr Harold Lever This opposition combined were now investing in real put loan guarantees firmly with behind-the-scenes on the last Labour Govern-doubts—probably emerging of government debt, and yet

In public the idea has experimentation emerged.

always been at the "consideration" stage but in private there has been fiarce opposition from a variety of sources. The basic relatively simple proposal, has now gone through a series of elaborations to try and make it more palatable to the various parties but still the pro-guarantee lobbyists as the "constant of the banks that f100m lent on this that though never basis would generate 10,000 new jobs worth £8m in income tax and £12m in saved unemployment and social been falling down on their security payments.

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But an 8 per cent loss rate on a similar scheme that f100m lent on this call on the proposal, has scheme is that they have been falling down on their security payments. the pro-guarantee lobbyists can hardly claim they are much nearer winning any significant victories.

Loan guarantees would loans. This works when a

work as follows: a small business which for some reason cannot raise loan capital through the normal hanking channels would be able to raise a guaranteed able to raise a guaranteed assets: a computer software loan through some lending institution. This would be company would be a typical backed by a government guarantee which would reduce or even eliminate about the viability of or leading to the lender.

to encourage lenders to put motion that there ought to all their most dubious loan be a free market for capital applications into the without government interscheme, thus making it a vention they probably now depository of high-risk receive a more sympathetic "dustbin" loans; it would hearing. time when public spending pany sector and its potential is being drastically cut else-effect on the dola queues where; and finally, it cannot be ignored.

Taises ideological objections

So the pressure was main-

The obejction to overborrowing and yet another in-rolving the complexity of administering any such scheme were the first stumblocks. Immediately after Mr Lever announced his programme it became clear that there were deeply-rooted Civil Service

Department of Industry officials opposed the plan with the aid of backing from the Industrial and Corporation in the form of other 75 per cent. This evidence to Sir Harold Wilson's committee son's committee on the guaranteed and could thus functioning of financial institutions. This provides the state of the s stitutions. This argued that same status as git-edged other countries were become stocks.

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So, baving made the loan, ing amount of debt in comthe bank could then sell off party balance sheets and any the guaranteed element as system of guarantees would loan notes to all the usual create the same situation investing institutions, which here.

ment's programme for help at times as outright opposiing small businesses in tion from the banks—weakApril, 1978, the proposal ened the initial enthusiasm has bad a rough ride.

In public the idea has experimentation emerged.

loans. This works when a small businessman has enough security to offer; this often includes his own house. It is no use to a viable business with few

Doubts from the bankers about the viability of or need for any scheme have apy risk to the lender.

This basic skeleton of a continued into the present administration and since the immediate poses four administration and since the immediate poses four administration and since the immediate poses four administration and since the figure on the plan immediatey poses four administration and since difficulties: it might tend these doubts hinge on the to encourage lenders to put notion that there ought to

dan- committed to the idea. They serously overborrowed: it argue that, intervention or could generate a high rate of not, the possibility of injectbad debts and thus losses ing £1,000m or more of new for the Government at a capital into the small com-

So the pressure was maintained. This resulted in an initiative in November in from the Tories as it represents a type of intervention in the free market which the form of an entirely the form of an entirely new type of scheme devised by two accountants from Price Waterhouse and backed by the Union of Independent Companies.

This scheme initially involved the bank taking on the full risk for 25 per cent of any guaranteed loansome substantial portion of the risk being taken by the lender has always been accepted as necessary to prevent the plan becoming loan dustbin-but the real

would avoid the consequent risks and expense of moni-toring relatively small in-

But an 8 per cent loss rate on a similar scheme run in the United States provided damaging evidence against the idea, though the accountants argued passionately that losses could be kept to an acceptable 3 per cent here and that could be reduced to 2 per cent simply by charging an additional 1 per cent of interest as a safety net.

There is also a wider, possibly more significant objection. The plan would mean that more government paper was in issue. This would mean the price of gilt-edged stocks would tend to be pushed downwards and interest rates upwards. clearly a bad proposition in the present climate.

The Union of Indepen ent Companies has struggled on, however. It has pains distort the debt/equity ratio However, a substantial takingly explained and of companies, possibly mak-number of Conservative ing the whole small com-small business lobbyists are meetings with Mr David pany sector look dan-committed to the idea. They responsible businesses, and his civil ser-

> But the likelihood now is that loan guarantees may become fact while the notes ides has fallen favour. This could temporary as change in the economic climate might make it look less alarming.

> The government attitude is that loan guarantees are just one possible way of helping small businesses. are being both considered and acted upon. However, the supporters

> of loan guarantees are con-inuing to fight energeti-cally. To the faithful it is the surest and quickest way of injecting new life into the whole small business sector and they fear that "the preoccupation with security and the discounting of asset values by United Kingdom banks" as well as misunderstandings about the effects of the scheme in government and the lending lifeline for the economy.



No great untapped reservoir of skilled labour

The myth of our inner cities

the problems of inner cities with urban planning. has already created its own myths. One of them is that end of London has managed comprehensive redevelop to survive the successive elsewhere to more modern

The present modish, and to economic factors which some morbid, concern with have nothing whatever to do

ment in the 1960s and 1970s blitzes of Hitler's bombers swept away thousands of and the town hall planners, successful and prosperous presumably because its busismal) firms which provided nessmen have been shrawd employment for local com- enough to study their marmunities, and which have kets. Conversely, the lace now disappeared for ever. workshops of Nottingham But it is not as simple as went out of business long that. The fact is that small before the term redevelopbusinesses, particularly in ment was even invented. biz cities, have always led a The little industries that somewhat precarious existused to ring inner Birmingtence. They have had a high ham were indeed buildozed, birth rate and a high morta- but it is doubtful whether lity rate, and their survival more than a handful would Bryan Appleyard is affected by all sorts of have survived had they been left undisturbed.

Where the developers

recognizing the need to proride opportunities for small businesses to start up of tances involved, the difficulcarry on in inner urban ties are most acute in Lonareas. What mattered was don but are common to most not so much that small factories and workshops were destroyed in the process of revival programmes have redevelopment, but that too often glibly assumed their owners and tenants that there are large numbers of potentially were offered no alternative skilled workers ready and accommodation. There are able to be trained in new were offered no alternative no records to show what techniques. happened to those who were the reverse is usually the thus displaced. Some un case Historically the towns doubtedly were too old or and cities of the north of England and the Midlands too dispirited to start again. were dominated by large but others can be assumed firms employing a mainly to have begun again some unskilled workforce. In the

friendly and articulate Scots- areas which give cause for man who is secretary of the the greatest concern, such Association of Independent as the London docklands, Businesses, is adamant that the unemployed consist urban redevelopment has mainly of dockers and gen-had a far more serious eral labourers. effect in inhibiting the birth

settlement. But in most urban economy, at least in

cases, he claims, displaced the inventieth century, has tish cities, would, be in authorities, even businessmen have decided been fairly small. chined to doubt sheather the London, may built either to retire slightly ear. Government and local pressures are as acute as sidize industrial lier than they would other authorities are thus faced wise have done, or have with the problem of not so been stimulated to move much sustaining, as reverse

which have given them the

convenient premises

opportunity to expand. He is much less sanguine about the prospect of estab-lishing new industries in the inner cities. Until after the First World War, the cities offered ideal opportunities for entrepreneurs, with a largely skilled labour force living in fairly close proximity. But the growth of communing has meant a dispersal of managerial, white collar and skilled workers. There is, in the current jargon, a mismatch between the needs of those firms which might be per-suaded to establish themfailed, however, was in not selves in the inner cities, and the available ralents of local people seeking employ-

South-east the position was Mr Bert Nicholson, a somewhat unterent, with those

The notion that inner rate of new firms than in cities contain a great un-accelerating the death rate of rapped reservoir of skilled tapped reservoir of skilled labour is, Mr Nicholson sug-He accepts that a certain gests, a myth. The idea of a amount of hardship has tradition of small businesses been suffered by firms serving the local community been suffered by firms serving the local community which have received in has been greatly exagadequate compensation or gerated and the contribution have experienced delays in of such businesses to the Government and local

ing, economic trends. If inner cities are to become the seedbed of small business growth, incentives are likely to be required on a scale that the eventual results may not justify. Moreover, policies to date.

have done little to help mat-ters. Most urban local auth-orities are traditionally Labour dominated, and post-war redevelopment schemes have concentrated overwhelmingly on housing. Suc-cessive Labour and Conservative governments have tilred the scale of subsidies to the point where the use of land for housing has been seen as by far the most attractive option.

it is a fact that urban land excessively expensive. It is excessively expensive. It documentation on its consequently difficult for ject of small husi authorities to provide land their value to the for fledgling business enter economy. In a business, most of which are lished last year tunder-capitalized, at low London Council constitutions and at what are London above constitutions are constitutions.

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Successive legislation has the Government a established assisted areas, in which they theme which industry qualifies for there is no guarants. Quantous, such as the English Industrial Estates Many people, looking Corporation, are able to pro-around at the huge areas of vide high-quality premises at unusued land in many Bri fairly low renus. Local

likely to prove meconomic 150,000 small firm rents. In addition, expering about a thin ence has shown that only a total workforce. B small proportion of so-called inition of "small

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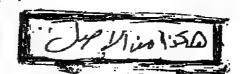
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Little action to bring much needed encouragement

It is a year since the Wilson committee set up to review policy objectives which he partied institutions—presented its interim report on small interim report on small distry, more than 40 are the battle for this recommendation is likely to be seriously diminished because the committee found itself mable to make any firm recommendations either about taxation in general or about investment the scene is just as gloomy, lead of the scene is just as gloomy, lead to house and in Rural Areas (Cosira). It just as gloomy to glad to house and in Rural Areas (Cosira), lead the can be of a quality in committee set up to parallel those of the scene it to the scene it towards and of pictures, particular, and information to disparagement towards and increasingly, overweas, of the green review of the if they can be of a quality in committee and information to leave the scene is just as gloomy, leave the leave the powers and functions of the scene is just as gloomy, leave the

pened to give the lie to the small firms which belong to none of them. There is report, which had been manifest jealousy, for example, between the CBI and has not yet appeared, is not a great deal more positive, those of us who believe that small businesses need real small businesses need real small businesses need real encouragement will have to

small businesses need real encouragement will have to ignore it.

The committee's recommendations fell into two main categories; first, exhortation to banks, government, at least, is for the scheme more expensive it than the open market and the categories; first, meet regularly on small categories; first, meet regularly on small organizations and the CBI to do more to disseminate accurate information to small firms about the opportassities available to them, the criteria on which help can be provided and similar matters. There are some grounds for believing that the flow of information and advice has improved in the last 12 months. For example, the Department of Industry has taken steps to strengthen its Small Firms.

of existing resources with influence added as the needs ere clearly seen; nor a further addition to the competing bureaucracies.

Wilson also recommended the establishment of a small firms investment company. faced by private investors who cannot easily afford the illiquidity of an investment in a small unlisted company and to make it easier for

larly encourages the individ-ual to invest either in institutions or in property. For someone liable to the top rate of tax an investment in property worth £25,00 attracts a subady of £2,250. Even gilt-edged securities and building society deposit accounts attract tax reliefs.

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But try investing in a priwale company and you not
only get no relief; every
kind of obstacle is put in
your way. Thus anyone who
borrows money to invest in
a close company can only
obtain tax benefits if he or
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In its rhetoric this Goveroment pins much hope on the small business. It says that it recognizes that matters. There are some towards small businesses grounds for believing that will be obscured by every the flow of information and advice has improved in the uside the last 12 months. For example, the Department of Industry has taken steps to strengthen its Small Firms discernible progress has been made. It is true that the wellsh Development other city institutions save a staken pains to establish special facilities to help small firms.

Yet the general picture is still one of dismal fragmentations. Within government stion. Within government stion. Within government the WDA should be Independent minister responsible for ent of the Department of pragress.

There are some towards small businesses than fur many others. A principal reason for this is made to make it easier for of them are imping badly principal reason for this institutions to invest in new under the present just has hanks and other lenders demand personal security against loans on a stale or small companies. There institutions to invest in new under the present includantly against loans on a stale or small companies. There institutions to invest in new under the present just has hanks and other lenders demand personal security against loans on a stale to strengthen its Small Firms been made. It is true that the entre preneur is risking not only this time, skill, cash and thinkted it each principal reason for this institutions to invest in new under the present just has the entre preneur is risking not only this time, skill, cash and the dangers of government ity against loans on a stale to such the entre preneur is risking not only this time, skill, cash and the entre preneur is risking not only the dangers of government ity against loans on a stale the entre preneur is risking not only the dangers of government ity against loans on a stale the entre preneur is risking not only the dangers and of the present government ity against loans on a stale the entre preneur is risking not only the dangers of government ity against loans on a stale the entre of them are limping badly under the present high min-imum lending rate, but

Advice and information are vital assets

on development or organiza-tional challenges are estab-lished concerns with good track-records of growth and prosperity. Moreover, demand is growing as evi-denced by the 25 per cent increase in fee income earned by the 2,600 members of the Institute of Management Consultants in 1978

The range of services available to smaller firms from government, local authoricies and independent



Mr Bob Press (left) abandoned the industrial rat-race to become 2 Somerset blacksmith after training from exist on the range of discre-

specified areas where the population is declining or which are deprived or disadvantaged in other ways.

Far from being the straw in-the-hair organization of hosry myth, Cosira does not succour dying crafts or drop-ours, Mr Ken Roney, council spokesman, says.

Working closely with local authorities, it is interested solely in assisting been the recent agreement involving the Development private firms—mainly for the Industrial and Commerces; and the losses on its Commission, Cosira, the workshops which being averaging file of the industrial and Commerces and individually (ICFC), under which private firms—mainly for the Industrial and Commerces and individually (ICFC), under which private firms—mainly for the Industrial and Commerces and individually (ICFC), under which private firms—mainly for the Industrial and Commerces and individually (ICFC), under which private firms—mainly for the Industrial and Commerces and individually (ICFC), under which private firms—mainly for the Industrial and Commerces and individually (ICFC), under which private firms—mainly for the Industrial and conjunction which the Alliance of Small Firms direct charge—through its small firms.

The roomotif's spread at the normal firms.

The roomotif's spread at the change in the artitude of velopment Agency, and in Nicholas Cole

Wales through the Welsh Development Agency. Where an inquiry beyond straightforward formation sources such as the relevant contact in local authorities, government departments, the profes-sions, chambers of com-merce and so forth, it can be discussed confidentially

with an experienced busi-nessman in the role of expert counsellor A high proportion of inquiries relate to the start of a business but any kind of business administration mat-ter is handled, including statutory requirements, de-sign, marketing, production, diversification and security; all useful for the one-man

The Department of In-

the Post Office staff superannuation fund to provide a new source of venture new source of venture capital for small businesses. authoricies and independent agencies is remarkably wide, broadly covering present by about 11,000 banks, which have tradiscretained in premises, rechnical insertained as well as consultance, as well as consultance, advisory, technical, industrial relations and business menagement.

Advice and guidance the Development Commissions that include plan-responsible for coordinating in production, marketing, exporting, accounting, cost-ing, technological advances. In eddition to sponsoring in guidance cases, advice is sion now devotes a large the council's management products and processes.

craft and management training. In some cases, advice is sion now devotes a large the council's management given free.

Many have made their first port of call the Council advance factories and work for Small Industries in shops to help smell firms advance factories and work has been opened officially in Salisbury recently.

Cosira is charged with improving the prosperity of small businesses in the proving the prosperity of specified areas where the population is declining or which are deprived or disad workshops in areas where the Small workshops in areas advice and guidance only on the factories and workshops in areas advice and guidance only on the factories and workshops in areas advice and guidance only on the factories and workshops in areas advice and guidance only on their own. Polytechnics, fachingal and solution and college wanting to set up on their own. Polytechnics, technical colleges and colleges of fur-

It was like Oliver Twist in reverse, Mr Wagstaff...

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We look at the careers of three men who have made good

Success recipe found in kitchen furniture



A youth of seventeen and a half setting up in the building trade with only \$43 in cash, an unusual capacity for work, optimism and a quality that could be called he said to be establishing a small business. That was in that time I had been how George Moore started in Bingley, in what used to he called the West Riding of Yorkshire, 34 years ugo.

George Moore is still in Business, still in Yorkshire neat Wetherby, and this year the George A. Moore furniture group expects to have a turnover of about 522m. It is no longer a small business but its development is a striking Hustration of how one firm has grown from nothing into a leader in its sector.

At the end of that first erar as a jobbing builder enguged on local factor, maintenance and household work. Mr Moore had made a profit of \$350 on a turnover of £1 020. Over the next few hears he gradually built up his husiness and by 1974 he had six people working for him. It was about that tone that Mr Moore experienced what he describes as the 🙌 🦠 turning point in his husiness career. He is a man who notices such things and how even setbacky can cometimes be turned into

lucky accidents.
"I had been working very

hard all this time", Mr Moore recalls. " But one day I caught my hand in a circular saw. The injury was serious enough to keep me att work for two weeks and it was those two weeks gave me time to think. Up to that time I had been working so hard that I had never had time to sit down and plan things. Now I had the time and I decided to

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"That was our first local

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In 1964, after his move

to the Thorp Arch trading estate near Wetherby.

to specialize in kitchen

furniture, but it was not until some years later in

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It was a major decision because at that time it

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Another development accurred in 1971 when Mr

turnover. Within 12

Mr Moore made the decision

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make the most of it. "I gave the past a great deal of thought during those two weeks and I did some careful thinking about what direction I wanted the husiness to take over the next three years. Today that kind of thing is called

corporate planning."

George Moore gave himself a target for the next three years but found that he had reached it after 12 months. But I had learnt the vital lesson of sitting down and looking to see where you are going and I decided that the time had come for me to get out of my working overalls and concentrate on managing and planning."

It was at this time that "Ar Moore moved into his first real premises. Further expansion then came inrough baying up enuipment and plant from other firms that had heen put into receivership. But it was another

Moore's firm won its first contract to supply kitchen furniture to the London Housing Consortium, which is responsible for the needs of the member London boroughs as well as many housing associations,

"That was a contract worth just over £1m and it was the first of its kind to go to a firm north of Potters Bar". Mr Moore says.

He has reason for satisfaction because the link with London housing has continued. A three-year contract came to an end last month and another for the same period has just been awarded to supply kitchen furniture for more than 30 000 homes in the London area. That one is worth an estimated £5m.

George Moore's group is now the biggest supplier of kitchen furniture to local authorities and housing associations in Britain. Its share of this market is 30 per cent of all kitchen furniture for both new housing and for moderniza-tion schemes. A comparatively recent development • that has taken the group into the Bradford Corporation works retail and export trade supplying both the home

> countries abroad. What, then, is George Moore's recipe for success? The answer comes promptly I used to work 28 hours day and eight days a week but I've cut it down to only 20 hours a day lately ". It is a pardonable exaggeration for a man who so readily attributes much of his success to luck. In any case it is self-made luck, the kind that is created by hard work and a flair for grasping opportunities whenever they

There is another factor. ton, which George Moore insists is the vital one " It has been very much a team affair and it still is. All our executives are highly qualified in their own spheres whether it is marketing, engineering or accountancy. But it doesn't stop there: I expect every evecutive to develop as a man of husiness, capable of using his common sense at all times." It would not be easy to think of a better description to apply to George A. Moore himself.

Period mouldings rescued firm whose boat-building hit rocks



Mr Leonard Stanley Briggs should have retired last May, Instead be is still working and enjoying it, which is not roo difficult when your home is in the factory grounds, and over-looks Exmoor.

At Wheddon Cross, Minehead, Somerset, he and his son, David William

Briggs, run Somerset Plastics with a staff of five. Perhaps it was a crisis which hit the firm last year, followed by a successful come back, which persuaded the senior Mr Briggs to stay on.

Until then, a great deal of their business had been in producing glass fibre sailing boats. In Mr Briggs's words this market disintegrated in

1979; however, he and his son had already done som work on reproduction period and antique guttering, and pipes for renovat-ing old churches, stately homes, castle and colleges.

- The Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas organized publicity in the architectural and trade press". Mr Briggs said, and from there business boomed, with 600 inquiries in one week. You never know what you are going to get in the post. We have had letters from Ireland and the Continent."

These reproductions can he copied from existing cast iron work, including decoration and colour. Among the customers have been two Oxford colleges, Warwick town hall and Dunster Castle, Two subcontractors have been enlisted to cope with the

Mr Leonard Briggs had a long business career before

settling at Wheddon Cross. After war service in the RAF, he went into photography, then into running shops and kiosks, and in 1953 he became a draughtsman and builder.

He said his interest in plastics engineering began because it was an activity that could be carried on indoors when the weather was too bad for outside construction work Finally, n June, 1969, came the apportunity to take over the Wheddon Cross premises Ind make this sideline a Il-time business. The building was modern.

stuated in 11 acres of land ome 900ft above sea level. It had been used for griding wool from the flocks of sheep on the moor, but became available when this activity was centralized elsewhere;

Ar Briggs said they received no government grapts or outside financial help: "After paying for the

factory we had less t £400 capital left." He said their aim undertake trouble-she tasks for industry, proarticles which requir short-run production, even individual item: companies, including Cellophane, sought th company's aid, and sp orders included solar panels, fish hatchery

equipment, and porta

buildings for use on

construction site of Hinckley Point nucle power station. Marine mouldings sailing boats and car still manufactured b firm, led to export I through agencies in France, West Germa Netherlands, Sweden the United States, A time, from its mode beginnings, compan turnover rose to £10 year with 14 people

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Beds that dreams are made on

I have been looking forward to writing this article since June, 1978. It was then that I stayed a night at a West Country hotel, and noticed my bill was £2 more than those of my friends.

" Ah. sir. you had the room with the four-poster bed", was the explanation. My friends, noble fellows. offered to split the difference with me, but I decided to bide my time until I had the opportunity to put my expensive experience to some use.

What made matters worse, it was a half-hearted. single four-poster, far removed from the kind of comfortable affair seen in Georgian prints. It would never have suited Lord Byron, who honeymooned in a four-poster, for instance.

According to his wife. Alan Grainge when he woke suddenly on

their wedding night and saw the flames of the fire playing on the red curtains of their bed he cried out: "Good God! I am surely in hell : " His marriage was never a great success

Mr John Cross, whose Manor Lodge Furniture specializes in four-posters. assured me that the one in which I siept was not made by them. Anyway it seems
I got off lightly. "In
general we find hotels
charge 55 a night extra".
Mr Cross said. "and one as much as £12, but that was for a room with a complete

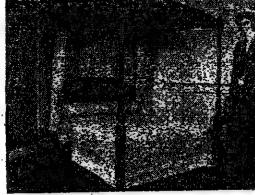
suite to match the bed ". It is only fair to hotels to point out they may have paid as much as £2.092 plus VAT for a bed in mahogany or oak, seven feet high, taking a five-foot mattress. For that they would get a handcarved headboard, fully closing drapes, solid brass hooks, a hedspread, and "your motif hand carred Such is style 1, but a

thrifty customer might care to make do with less expensive models, which go right down to tyle 5 at 1934, delivered and assembled: "Ultra modern look, using padded panels . . square posts. Canopy, rear drape and bedspread from our abrmal range."

Mr Cross and his wo Julia, a codirector, are based at Little Downbar Cambridgeshire. "An article in the Daily Mail gave my wife and me the idea of making four-poster beds. and selling them primaril to the hotel industry", he said.

He resigned from the RAF, made one bed, photographed it, and the firm was launched with an advertisement that appeared two years ago. 'Initially there was one style. Now there are five, plus all matching bedroom furniture, including curtains, and pelmets ", Mr Cross said.

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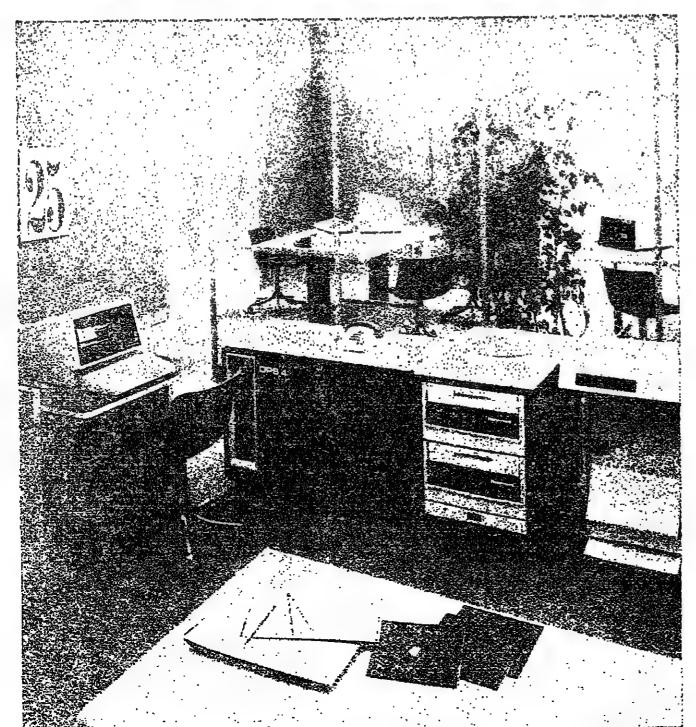


ually built for a particular customer. We sub-contract to about half a dozen local craftsmen. Orders come from all parts of the country.

"We have furnished eading hotels in England, cotland and Wales, as well private customers." labrics, which are land-sewn, are imported fom Italy.

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the Chinese consti- lessening of political tension, and an end to class struggle and wasteful and destructive political campaigns. This decisive break with Maoist political puritanism was urgently necessary and bas been generally welcomed. At the same time the legacy of the cultural revolution and the factional struggles which followed it until the moment of Mao's death and even beyond had brought the country to an appalling state of chaos and indiscipline. The no less urgent task for the incoming administration was to restore the authority of the party, to regain effective control over the provinces and to get China working again in an atmosphere of mutual trust.

Relaxation, it was hoped, would end quarrelling and banish fear of political error; restored authority would unite the country behind the economic drive. Unfortunately the simultaneous pursuit of such poten-tially discordant objectives has proved difficult. What happens when the wallposters attack the new leadership? When underground newspapers question the Socialist system? When the "new" China created by the Chinese Communist Party is attacked outright for being founded on falsehood?

The present generation party leaders can react only in accordance with their own experience over the past half century. Our come all the Leninist phrases—"democratic centralism", "dictatorship of the proletariat"—and out goes an article introduced too hurriedly into the constitution when relaxation was paramount, an article which is now found to be an

embarrassment. Behind this immediate response lies a much larger area of self-questioning on the part of rulers and ruled. In so far as Chinese civilization has one con-

sistent thread from the Han Dynasty right through 2,000 years until the fall of the last Imperial dynasty in 1911 it has been government : the nature of authority, the proper relations between rulers and ruled, the necessity of obedience. When the standing committee com-plains that "wallposters have heen used by some people to disturb the unity between the people and cadres "its complaint reflects precisely those that any of the emperors' ministers might have made at any time in the past. There is no need for Marxist or Leninist theory to be brought in to justify attitudes that are inherited from the world's longest lived and most successful totalitarian state.

From at least the beginning of this century all thinking Chinese have faced the problem of how their political habits must change if they are to adjust to the world in which they now inescapably live. This process of adjustment is bound to be a lengthy one, in thought and in deed. Thirty odd years of the Chinese Communist Party is a very short time to set against the many centuries of totalitarian assumptions that live on from the past in the minds of an older generation.

One of those assumptions at the heart of the Confucian state was the impropriety of opposition-save in extremis when the moral foundations of the rulers were manifestly foundering. How long, therefore, will it be before a "new" China comes round to accepting the idea that political opposition must be free to ex-press itself and may in doing so be fruitful rather than damaging? Nevertheless, one product of the Maoist era is a younger generation prepared to question those assumptions, whether surviving from the remote past, or instilled by the "new" China in which they have grown up.

ESSONS OF THE KELLY CASE

pens, much of the brutality, however. As an article rding the death in of James Kelly, on another page shows, relations between police and public in htly been the sub-Kirkby are in a state where is public concern, rumours of feuds and cover-ups ut to be less discan flourish. On a national level, t had seemed once the result may allay, but cannot the bright light of dismiss, the concern over the ourt. Eye witness became Vir Kelly's medical fact that 245 people have died in police custody in the past decade. The police can justifiwn to be vulnerably claim that both the local and the national misgivings are nderstandings surseries of patho-were cleared up. fed to some extent by prejudice and malice. But both in their different ways represent real verdict does not e police used no challenges to the maintenance tables themselves that they had. The wirully use reason-there necessary to st, and the coroner tween the police and the public, they serve, and it would be unwise to attempt to bluster them away, as some representatives of st, and the coroner the police are inclined to. The local problem is an acute ry that if that was death a verdict of would be appro-

instance of the obstacles the police face in many depressed city areas. Successful policing anywhere depends largely on whether the police are seen as acting on behalf of the com-munity itself, rather than as a hostile force not to be trusted or helped. Entrenched attitudes cannot be changed overnight, and the Merseyside police are already putting much effort into a victim of police programmes to win goodwill in

the area, especially among the young. But these efforts are wasted if resources are insufficient for the police most in contact with the public to be experienced and to be present in adequate numbers.

The national problem is an aspect of the perennial conun-drum of police accountability. Two internal police inquiries did kittle to reassure public opinion about the Kelly case, because the police are not fully trusted as judges in their own cause in sensitive cases; yet only the police are equipped to carry out gatory work. The police, knowing that their standards of conduct are on the whole extremely high, are too apt to feel that concern about such matters indicates a desire to undermine civil order. or an excessive libertarianism indifferent to that risk. In fact the police have, and deserve, the support and sympathy of most of the community. But that support cannot be given blindly. The light shed by open, rigorous and impartial investigations of allegations like those made in the Kelly case is the best safeguard for the relationship.

NG WALES TO KEEP HER LANGUAGE

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excellence of the cause they have at heart reinforce the potential danger they present to the peace of society. It is politic to placate them; and it is equally important not to drive less fanatical Welsh linguists into tactical alliance

The official and financal promotion of Welsh now promised by Mr Edwards is a sensible step in the right direction, bearing in mind that many of the people living in Wales do not give two hoots for Welsh and would not take kindly to being incommoded by its infliction upon them, and bearing in mind coo that official patronage is seldom enough to keep life in a threatened language-like religion, languages sometimes do better under persecution. Given those limitations, the extra educational and cultural expenditure which is planned for the benefit of the Welsh language amounts to a praiseworthy attempt on the part of the Government respond to Welsh cultural nationalism. But' there is one thing which the Government has not done, which it could have done, and which it may come to regret it did not do.

Welshmen who deplore the eclipse of their language see it as a victim of English-American cultural aggression, mounted most effectively through the television tube. They have fixed on the possibility of a counterattack. They saw an opportunity in the allocation of the fourth television channel. They thought they had a promise, first from Labour Government and then in the latest Conservative party manifesto. They were going to be given a Welsh television service in which programmes in the Welsh language would be concentrated. Now they have learned that the Government has changed its mind and, with a parade of good reasons, they are

offered something else instead. The reasons may be good (they will certainly seem so to the Treasury), and the ambition of beating off metropolitan tellyculture by means of an all-Welsh option was probably doomed to failure anyway. But that is not the point. Welsh cultural-nationalism feels cheated. It has reason to feel cheated. It will accordingly be more difficult to accommodate.

changes 4. Walker

o many articles and man-made climatic ispin Tickell's article es the impression that luential human activity sion of carbon dioxide tosphere. Yet again the matic consequences of have been

r covers nearly three-he surface of the globe. here is everywhere inh that water, and the the atmosphere are oupled and reciprocally Evaporation from the accounts for most of the ur in the atmosphere, termal exchanges at the undary, airborne salt crived from sea spray undensation nuclei, and e circulations of the largely wind-driven.

Now, man uses the world ocean as a sump. Many tens of millions of tons of a multiplicity of domestic, agricultural and industrial wastes reach the sea each year, either directly or by fall-out from the atmosphere. The annual influx of oil alone might be as much as five million tons, and oil may be particularly significant, because many oils spread into extremely thin films, so that vast areas of the sea surface become coated with a film at least

one molecule thick. What physical processes climatic importance are affected by oceanic pollution? First, oil films retard evaporation. Second, oil subdues the short waves which winds catch upon to drive the ocean currents. Third, contamination of the sea surface reduces the availability of salt particles by reducing the speed with which tiny droplets of sea water are ejected into the atmosphere when small bubbles in the water burst. Fourth, the transmissivity of contaminated water is

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less than that of clear water. Thus, it is conceivable that by contaminating the oceans extensively mankind is modifying significantly atmospheric circulations and

rhythms. Unfortunately, the amounts of such modifications cannot at present be calculated accurately because understanding of atmospheric mechanics is insufficient and knowledge of concentrations, extents and persistence of the various marine pollutants inadequate. However, in general terms, the chief conse-quence of extensively restraining evaporation from the ocean surface and reducing the availability of sea salt nuclei in the atmosphere should be a tendency for rainfall amounts to decrease in all latitudes. Yours faithfully,

J. M. WALKER, 20 Crystal Glen, Heath. Cardiff. April 8.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

responsibility for the hostages two

weeks ago. What would Britain do

Sir, Your leader, "Helping President Carter" (April 14), is characteristically lucid, but gives endorsement to the growing and questionable belief that "It would help if more attention were given to Afghanizan and lace to Iran"

to Afghanistan and less to Iran"

This ignores the very considerable extent to which the invasion of Afghanistan was caused by events

More than 30 years of cold war have inculcated on both sides a deep

respect for the "unwritten law"-namely that while the threat of

namely that while the threat or nuclear holocaust may be exploited to secure any tactical advantage, every precaution is taken to avoid the risk of real confrontation. No

such considerations seem to weigh with the present rulers of Iran, and

for that reason alone Iran is more dangerous than Afghanistan.

dangerous than Afghanistan.

The Russian thinking which justified the risk of invading Afghanistan is not hard to imagine. America and her allies had shown themselves unable or unwilling to react to a hostile act aimed directly against America, in the seizing of the Tehran ambassy hostages. This was not merely the act of lawless arrotter as extend in your leader.

terrorists as stated in your leader,

but was almost at once endorsed with fervour by the internationally recognized Government of Iran. If America failed to react to what

amounted to an act of war against herself, what likelihood was there

that she would take action over

the invasion of Afghanistan, a country which was not under Ameri-

can protection and had effectively fallen under Soviet control, without much fuss from the West, two years

Experience of the "unwritten law" tells us that nothing can now be done about Afghanistan, any

more than about Czechoslovakia or the Berlin Wall. Thanks largely to

events in Iran, the Russians have gained a tactical advantage worth

much more than Western participation in the Olympic Games. Iran remains more important than Afghanistan, since continuing American patience and European

dilatoriness must still be interpreted in the same way to Moscow. If the

Tehran hostages are finally liberated

by a Russian invading force, who is the better for that?

Council of Christians and Jews has

done a wonderful job, at local and national level, in bringing together Christian and Jewish communities

to fight prejudice and intolerance, and to work for the betterment of relations on a basis of mutual re-spect and understanding. Surely the time has come to make it a Council

of Christians, Jews and Muslims.

DAVID J. GOLDBERG, 17 Bartholomew Villas, NWS.

From the Duke of Deponshire

Sir, It is a matter of conscience whether an individual takes part in this year's Olympic Games in Moscow. Atthough as one who was

never my good et any game, I can only too clearly understand the dilemma that faces the individual who is likely to be chosen to repra-

sent Britain in the Olympics, it is indeed a cruel one.

suggest that those who put bonour above glory, by not attending the Games, should receive some suitable

recognition. Such recognition might

take the form of an appeal for funds to provide a new and needed amening at Stoke Mandeville, together with a plaque recording the names of organizations and indivi-

duals who preferred not to ettend. Thus those who could have repre-

sented this country in Moscow, but decided on moral grounds that they

did not wish to, would receive some lasting testimony of their moral

Yours sincerely,

DEVONSHIRE.

Chatsworth,

Derbyshire.

April 14.

Bakewell,

The purpose of this letter is to

Olympics boycott

on effort

of this country in a comm

The need is urgent.

Yours.

April 14.

Yours faithfully,

April 15.

RODERICK BEATON

36 High Meadow Road, King's Norton,

under the circumstances?

From Dr Roderick Beaton

Sincerely, LESLIE TENTLER,

2 The Plantation, Morden Road, SE3. April 14.

United States dilemma over the hostages in Iran the new parliament in Tehran is the party whose Revolutionary Council members refused to take

lomatic missions.

1961 conference and was more in-

sistent than other participants on the total "untouchability" of dip-

It was quite simply absurd that

for many months the embassy of Iran in Washington should have gone on enjoying diplomatic pro-tection while the US embassy in

Iran was the subject of the most

ourrageous offence against the law of diplomatic relations in modern

times. The Americans would have

been justified in taking reciprocal action rather than expelling the

Iranians. It is only slightly less offensive that Iranian missions in other countries, including our own, should continue to be accorded the

protection of a treaty which their

own country breaches.

In view of the repercussions of Iran's behaviour for the international community as a whole, an emergency conference should be called by the UN General Assembly with a view to concluding an emergency.

with a view to concluding an agree-ment terminating the right of Iranian missions to diplomatic pro-

tection indefinitely. Many nations

might accept this measure who

would not support economic sanc-

Sir, No, it is not true that the

hostage crisis in Iran is a less im-

portant teer of the Western alliance than Afghanistan, and for three

First, rational international rela-

tions cannot be conducted if the safety of diplomatic personnel is

not guaranteed by bost govern-ments Mr Carter's inability to elicit a prompt and convincing res-ponse from his European partners

only increases the already great

chance of this shameful episode

American hostages in the

being repeated—and not necessarily

near future The world, after all, is full of unstable countries with weak-

Second, the failure of Europe to support the United States, especi-ally in the wake of the weak reac-tion to Afghanistan, will only con-

firm for the Soviets their evident belief that the Western alliance can

no longer act to protect its vision of a reasonably stable world order.

What greater temptation to further Soviet adventures in the Middle East? And third, the Iranian crisis represents a genuine threat to world peace. Afghanistan, for the

You counsel patience, and your

counsel is based on the certainty that the hostages will eventually be released if nothing is done by the

West. But the hostages are now in their sixth month of captivity—held virtually incommunicado—and the party that seems likely to dominate

Sir, As a Jew whose maternal

grants and whose paternal forebears hardly came over with William the

Conqueror either, I can well under stand Islamic reaction to Death of

a Princess. Those of us sufficiently

secure (yes, it only takes a few

years to acculturate as a patriotic citizen while still retaining one's

religious identity) to have found it

English are probably the most tolerant, least religious people on

earth, which on the one hand helps to integrate the foreigner, but on

the other hand tempts him away from his traditions with the bland-

There are over one million Mus-lims in Britain today, more than twice the number of Jews. Certain

low-level communication does exist between Judaism, Christianity and Islam. My congregation, for example (the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St John's Wood) recently held a series of successful interfaith meetings with our local church

and the Regent's Park Mosque. This contact with the impressively able and outward-looking people who run the Islamic Centre has encouraged us to seek further ways in which tife three religions can be of practical help to each other by a sharing of experience. Yet these and similar efforts are hardly enough, at a time when com-

hardly enough, at a time when community tension can be exacerbated as much by religious as by colour differences. For forty years the

Farmers and consumers

Sir. Your leading article on "Farmers and Consumers" (April 12) might be likened to the way

our cows are grazing the new grass—ranging widely and avoiding the unpalatable parts. British farmers' incomes are now at their lowest

level for many years, in real terms by 26.5 per cent compared with 1977 (ministry figures). In this country we still spend over £20km

year on butter imports alone and

This situation cannot make sense

for farmers or consumers alike. Other unpalatable features of the

£150m on cheese from other EEC

From Mr John Chaloner

members.

culture.

of easy-going secular

governments.

own country breaches.

Yours faithfully.

House of Commons. April 15.

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM,

From Mr Leslie Tenticr

From Sir William Hayter Sir, It is not difficult to imagine what the American reaction would have been if the hostages had been in the British rather than in the American Embassy in Tehran. The United States Government would have given us strong diplomatic support, at the United Nations and elseport, at the United Nations and elsewhere. But if it had come to a question of imposing sanctions we should have been asked whether acquiesting in the detention of fifty British diplomats, however deplorable, was not a lesser evil than driving Iran into the arms of Breefie elimination of Third World Russia, alienating the Third World, damaging the economies of West Germany and Japan and perhaps running the risk of a war that nobody wanted. Meanwhile the American press would be muttering angrily about pulling British chest-nuts out of the fire.

In this hypothetical situation, the Americans would be perfectly right to take this line. In the actual situation, should we not be right to take a similar line? Iran's treatment of the American hostages is abominable, and American resentment of it is entirely understandable. But it is not at all clear that sanctions will do anything for the hostages, and for the reasons suggested above they are likely to do more harm than are likely to do more harm than good in other respects. If we really feel this, we should say so to Washington. We are not in the kind of alliance that exists in Eastern Europe, where the rule is "my leader, right or wrong". If we think one leader is wrong, we should say so, and not follow him.

Yours faithfully, WILLIAM HAYTER, Bassetts House, Stanton St John, Oxford.

From Mr George Cunningham. MP for Islington South and Finsburg

Sir, Many nations are casting around for appropriate sanctions to take against Iran for the illegal treatment of American diplomats in Tehran. There is surely one response peculiarly appropriate to the offence.

The laws attaching to the exchange of diplomatic representatives are either reciprocal or they are nothing. They are embodied in the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961, a convention negotiated by all states at a conference under the auspices of the General Assembly of the United Nations in that year. It is not only the United States which has an interest in enforcing the law of that Convention. Every nation should see, and privately does see, that diplomatic relations must be conducted according to law and that this is prejudiced by the massive breach of the Convention being perpetrated in Tebran, The Soviet Union took a very active part in the

> Meeting of faiths From Rubbi David Goldberg

moment, does not.

From Mr Nicholas Baker, MP for Dorset, North (Conservative) Sir, the Western world is by now accustomed to political potshots in your columns from Mr Graham Greene (April 12). Greene (April 12).

Of course he is right to say that signatories of the Helsinki Agreement had in mind the protection of minority groups when they took the position that governments should not probable individual dissenters from location in the mished to do. religious identity) to have found it a fascinating, not unsympathetic programme, tend to forget that any ethnic minority is especially sensitive and defensive. British Muslims today face the same tensions, threats to their family cohesiveness and erosion of their religious orthodoxy, which European Jewish immigrants faced, and overcame, at the turn of the century. The English are probably the most

Exodus of dissenters

from leaving if they wished to do But the larger point which the Helsinki Agreement was intended to establish is that signatory countries are expected to respect the human rights of their citizens. It is only in countries, typically the Soviet Union, where human rights are not generally respected that there are large numbers of citizens wishing

to leave. The greater the embarras ment free countries of the West suf-fer from an influx of such refugees, the greater is the condemnation of the society which does not permit them to live in freedom in the first place.

place.

But for the Sniper of Antibes to quote in his letter the Government of Vietnam as one which "lets its people go", when in fact it massacred large numbers of its people and drove the boat people into exile and probable death, is a parody of the truth of which even an eminent writer of fiction should feel ashamed.

Voyes faithfully. Yours faithfully. NICHOLAS BAKER,

House of Commons.

A day for labour From Mr S. E. Wilkins

Sir, The TUC's incitement of workers to withhold their labour on May 14 will, of course, do nothing to deflect the Government from the economic course, they have set out and Len Murray has rightly been condemned as acting in the most irresponsible manner since the action he calls for is bound to disrupt the country's business quite seriously.

If, as Len Murray insists, the sole object of the exercise is to make a gesture of trade union solidarity against the Government's economic policies, perhaps he ought to be asked to explain why this cannot take place on what seems to be the most appropriate day, Labour Day Yours truly,

SYDNEY E. WILKINS, Flat 2, 19 Marlborough Road, Richmond. Surrey. April 9.

Attribution of drawings From Mr Eric Hebborn

Sir, Re Geraldine Norman's article Art establishment rumpus boiling up over drawings thought fakes" of March 3: the case of the draw-ings that have passed through my hands, and whose attributions have been doubted, raises some interest-ing questions that few appear willing to discuss. The newspapers seem far too interested in exaggerating Professor Blunt's negligible part in the matter, and to show that I am a brilliant draughtsman, to ask to what extent the dealers and exmysterious pastures of the common perts are to blame for the whole Instead of stressing how clever

the possible imitations are, it might be more rewarding to examine the abilities of those who made the attributions and on whose advice large sums of public money were spent. In short, the first question that might sensibly be asked is : who are the people responsible for the false descriptions (always assuming that they are false) that turned the unattributed drawings, offered for inspection by myself, into the pos-sible fakes that Christie's, Colnagh's and Sotheby's are responsible for

very low-interest rate loans avail-able to other EEC farmers, and several other forms of subsidy that we do not enjoy.

The problem from our farmyard can be seen most simply thus: a new tractor this year cost three

agricultural policy and monetary

compensatory amounts include the

times its price five years ago. The made the tractor have barely Yours faithfully, JOHN CHALONER,

marketing? The answer to this

question might very well lead to the unmasking of some fake experts.

Incidentally, I should like to thank Geraldine Norman for illu-

strating her article by placing one

of my drawings side by side with one of the drawings in question.

By doing so she made it abundantly

clear that there is no connexion be-

tween the two drawings whatsoever.

Dudsland Farm, Cross-in-Hand. Heathfield. Sussex. April 14.

Yours faithfully,

ERIC HEBBORN,

Villa San Filippo,

Anticoli Corrado (Roma),

Secret ballots for strike action

From Mr John Browne, MP for Winchester (Conservative) Sir, I have put down for discussion

and I hope selection and acceptance, for the Report Stage of the Employment Bill in the Commons, an amendment to provide for secret ballots before and after any decision is reached for disruptive action in support of any industrial demand. I have endeavoured to make this

provision as acceptable as possible to everyone concerned in an indus-trial dispute and I have particularly sought to extract from it any party political element. I firmly believe that it is a measure that is in the national benefit and would after consideration be warmly welcomed by industrial employees.

I will not burden your space with the details of my amendment but it does aim to introduce democracy for workers within their unions by allowing a reasonable minimum of members to obtain a secret ballot of their fellow workers and to do so, should they wish, in confidence, thus avoiding intimidation. Such a ballot would be internally generated and not imposed from outside the

The purpose of my letter is to indicate to your readers, and indeed to my colleagues in the House, that any proposal that they may have for adopting the principle of my measure and with perhaps a difference of the collection. ence in detail or implementation would be wholly acceptable to me. I think, as put down, the amendment is a workable one, but it would be vain on my part to believe that others who are in support of the principle may not have valuable suggestions to make. I am venturing to trespass on your space because I do not believe that any simpler principle has been made of recent years which has wider implications for our nation at its present cations for our nation at its present industrial crossroads. Yours faithfully, JOHN BROWNE,

House of Commons. April 16.

'The Steel Papers'

From the General Secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation sir, In his order that Granada TV should disclose the source of documents which were leaked to it by a BSC employee and which formed the basis for a World In Action programme, Sir Robert Megarry held that there was no recommend within that there was no recognized public interest in the case as Granada's counsel had claimed.

This is most disturbing.

The programme in question, The Steel Papers, brought to the fore two vital issues: the causes of British Steel's predicament and the fact and extent of government in-volvement in the formulation of Corporation policy.

The programme was transmitted on February 4 at the end of the steel strike's fifth week. It is diffi-

cut to imagine a subject more worthy of public concern. My amion strove hard during the strike to ex--pose a brazen attempt on the part of senior BSC managers to transfer the consequences of an erroneous financial and investment policy from their own shoulders to those of the workforce. The papers obtained by Granada apparently vindicate the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation's case.

The conventional wisdom about solving BSC's problems is seemingly at odds with the evidence these confidential papers provide. The public interest—and my members are part of the public—seems to demand their disclosure. The person responsible in the public interest in the pub responsible has not assisted frivol-ous journalism but served a wider public interest. The law ought to act to ensure an informed public debate on such a basic industry as Yours sincerely,

BILL SIRS, Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, Swinton House, 324 Gray's Inn Road, WC1. April 14.

Violence of youth

From Mr David Green Sir, Those who elevate themselves to a position of moral judgment commonly predict doom if their par-ticular moral fetish is affronted; and belabour the world with the accuracy of their prophecy if evolving events subsequently remotely parallel the evils they have predicted. David Holbrook (April 11) obviously belongs to a long line of such seers to whom cause and effect—as with those who associate masturbation with deafness—are no more than emotional convenience.

There are simpler explanations in the violence of youth. The mob and the crowd are notoriously more vio-lent than the individuals who comprise it; biological species of all kinds become more savage in over-crowded conditions; young people will have their energy whatever the will burn their energy whatever the circumstances. But if circumstances do not allow them to dissipate it constructively, then they will surely use it destructively.

One suspects that the rationale of those who seek to explain social disorder in terms of a sinful society would change rather rapidly if they lived in a tower block or stacked tenement in an inner city area. Yours faithfully, DAVID GREEN,

Rhyd yr Harding, Castle Morris, Nr Haverfordwest. April 11.

Out for a duck

From Mr Alec Clifton-Taylor Sir, I had such a nice, such an unexpected present yesterday that I feel I must tell you about it. On to the small pool (20 ft) in this London garden there suddenly swooped down a duck and a drake. They swam around for perhaps ten minutes and then had a little siesta. When they departed I found, left presumably as a courteous "thankyou", an egg. It made a delicious Yours truly,

ALEC CLIFTON TAYLOR, -15 Clareville Grove, SW7. April 15.

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WINDSOR CASTLE
April 16: The Secretary of State
for Foreign and Commonwealth
Affairs and Lady Carrington, His
Excellency the Ambassador of Excellency the Ambassador of Norway and Mrs Jacobsen, His Excellency the High Commissioner for New Zealand and Mrs Gandar, the Lord and Lady Zuckerman, the Hon William Douglas-Home and Hon William Douglas-Home and the Baroness Dacre and Sir David and Lady Orr have left the Castle. The Duke of Edinburgh this morning attended a Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication to mark the Centenary of the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom which was held

Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom which was held in Westminster Abbey.

His Royal Highness, Patron, the Outward Bound Trust, attended a Sponsored Walk Luncheon in aid of the Trust at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane.

Wing Commander Antony Nicholson was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Royal Yachting

The Duke of Edioburgh, Presi-int of the Royal Yachting dent of the Royal Yachting Association, this afternoon pre-sided at the Association's Annual Ceneral Meeting at the Savoy

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 16: Queen Elizabeth The
Queen Mother today visited Newcastle upon Tyne, and in the morning opened the Anniversary
Contre in Eldon Square.
Her Majesty bonoured the Lord
Mayor of Newcastle upon Tyne
(Councillor Mrs M. S. Murray)
with her presence at luncheon at
the Mansion House.
In the afternoon, Queen
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tisited the restored Blackfriars Priory. Her Majests travelled in an Aircraft of the Queen's Flight. The Hon Mrs John Mulholiand and Sir Martin Gilliat were in

KENSINGTON PALACE April 16: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this prened Princess Margaret Hospital In Windsor.
The Hon Mrs Wills was in

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Lieutenant-Coionel Simon Bland
was in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE

Eirthdays today

Mr Lindsay Anderson, 37; Mrs S. Bandaranaike, 54: Professor the Rev L. E. Browne, 93; the Right Rev Dr M. H. Harland, 84: Sir Vincent Wigglesworth, 81; the Right Rev J. Yates, 55.

Kings School, Canterbury

Summer term begins today. J. D. Willis is captain of school. Brahms's Requiem will be per-Brahms's Requiem will be per-formed in the quire of Canterbury Cathedral on May 10 and King's Week will run from July 10 to 16. Speech Day is on July 17, when the anniversary preacher will be Canon J. C. Fenton, Canon of Christ Church, Oxford.

In the presence of the Bishop of Gabraltar, the Right Rev Edward Rapallo, the Apostolic Delegate Rapallo, the Apostouc Delegate to Great Britain and Gibraitar, the Most Rev Bruno Heim, ordained to the priesthood the Rev J. Michael Hendry in the Cathedral Church of St Mary the Crowaed, Gibraitar, on Friday, April 11. Apologies for luability to attend were received from Prince Maximilian, Cardinal De. Fulscophers. Servico Cardinal Fuisconberg, Sergio Cardinal Pignedoli and Archbishop Eugene Cardinale, Papai Nuncio to Bel-gium and Luxembourg.

Today's engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh attends meeting of 1980 tactics, equip-ment and logistics conference, Army Staff College, Camberley, 11.10.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attends reception by 600 Squadron dining clab and 600 City of London Squadron Association, Butchers' Hall, 6.30.
Princess Margaret, as patron, attends Dinner in connexion with seminar of fellows of the Royal College of Nursing, Leeds Castle, Maidstone, 7.35.

Castle, Maidstone, 7.35.

The Duke of Kent, Colonel, Scots Guards, attends sixtieth anniversary dinner of the London branch of Scots Guards Associa-

tion, Plantation House, Mincing Lane, 7.25. Prince and Princess Michael of Kent open civic offices. Christchurch, 3; attend inaugral dinner and ball of Bournemouth Joint tourism committee in aid of Mountbatten Momenta of Mounthatten Memorial Trust. Carlton Hotel. Bournemouth, 8.

Astronomers continue to be per-plexed by the Sun's behaviour. As a "typical" star it produces a

wide spectrum of radiations, from the light and heat that we see and

feel to the host of elementary particles detectable only by sophisticated instruments. In almost every respect the Sun pro-

duces radiation consistent with the astronomers' theories.

the Sun has not produced the required number of neutrinos-

required number of neutrinos-particles that come from deep inside the solar interior. One possible explanation is that the Sun's nuclear furnace is running

ile, or has stopped.
The Sun's energy is generated

by thermonuclear reactions in its core. Those reactions, by which

hydrozen is converted to helium.

are the same in principle as those used in the hydrogen bomb, and

in the future perhaps they will be used in nuclear fusion reac-tors to generate electricity. The heat and light produced by those reactions gradually diffuse

outwards through the upper layers of the Sun, reaching the surface only after hundreds of

thousands of years. The neutrinos, however, can penetrate the Sun's bulk without difficulty.

If we detect the neutrinos, we see particles that left the Sun's centre only about eight minutes previously. The light and heat,

previously. The light and heat, on the other hand, result from

nuclear reactions that took place in the distant past.

By the Staff of Nature

Conduit Street, 10.30-5.30; Prints in all media, Guildhall Art Gallery, King Street, 10-5. Concert: European Community
Youth Chamber Orchestra, conducted by James Judd, Queen's
Hall, Clerk Street, Edinburgh,

Lowenthal, Tate Gallery, 1. Lunchtime music: Voice and guitar recital, Sandra Hambleton, St Mary-le-Bow, 1.05; Organ recital. Robert Crowley, St Mary-at-Hill, 1.15; Donna Stoering, piano, St Olave, 1.05; Verese Ensemble, St Bartholomew-the-Great, 1.10.



The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs B. R. Apps. of Liverpool, and Clarc, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs F. B. Carter, of Rochester, Kent. Dr A. P. Dicker and Miss E. K. Adams

The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Professor and Mrs S. E. Dicker, of Hampstead, London, and Eliza-beth, second daughter of Dr M. M. Adams and Mrs B. E. Warren, of Burton-on-Trent, Staffordahlre. Mr A. M. Hicks

and Miss J. A. Romyn The engagement is announced between Alistair, son of Major-General and Mrs W. M. E. Hicks, and Jenny, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Romyn, of 1 North Cottons of the control of tage, Hampton Court.

Mr M. S. M. O'Reilly
and Miss L. S. C. Webb
The engagement is announced between Mark O'Reilly, Queens
Royal Irish Hussars, son of Mr
and Mrs Miles O'Reilly, of Rose
Cottage, Marsh Gibbon, Oxfordchire and Lindsay, vounger shire, and Lindsay, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Webb, of East Molesey, Surrey. Mr W. T. Soper and Miss S. M. A. Smith

and Miss S. M. A. Smith
The engagement is aunounced and
the marriage will take place
quietly between Wilfred (Sam)
Soper. of Sanderstead, Surrey,
and Sonja Smith, of Dolphin
Square, London, only daughter of
the late Geoffrey Howard Smith
and of Mrs Mia Smith.

Mr N. R. Thomason and Miss P. A. Bennett and Anss r. A. Bennett The engagement is announced be-tween Neil, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. G. Thomason, of Tile-hurst, Reading, and Phyllis, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. H. G. Bennett, of Horsell, Woking.

Mr T. H. Totts
and Miss C. J. E. Davies
The engagement is announced
between Timothy, son of Mr and
Mrs F. H. Tofts, of Bishop's
Stortford, and Catherne. daughter
of Mr and Mrs G. E. Davies, of Gorsedd, Holywell, Clwyd.

Mr G. M. Villiers-Stuart and Miss L. de B. Luard The engagement is announced between Garrett Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs M. Villiers-Stuart, of Carricklergus, Northera Ireland, and Louise de Beauregard, vounger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. McV. Luard. of Nayland. Suffolk and Ulvaferry, Isle of

Mr N. G. G. Wadham and Miss K. J. Bowen The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and åirs Rohan Wadham, of Mylne Field, Grest Amwell, Hertford-shire, and Katharine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Bowan, of Staples Farm, Datchworth, Hert-fordsbire.

£8.3m grants by Scottish **Arts Council** From Our Own Correspondent Edinburgh

Edinburgh

The Scottish Arts Council will spend £8,350,000 on the arts in Scotland during the coming year, an increase of more than £1,25m over last year's allocation.

Announcing the scale of the council's grants in Edinburgh yesterday, Mr Sandy Dunber, the director, said that it imflation continued to run at nearly 20 per cent it was hardly possible for the council's grant to keep pace.

Commitments had out-stripped the budget Whether the allocation would be enough depended on carring income, private support from individuals, business and trusts and grants from local

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The council's grants to the larger organizations are: Scottish Opera, £1.884.000 (f) £42.000 (f) 1979-80); Scorrish Ballet, £668,000 (£766,000); Scottish National Scottish National £637,000 (£555,000) Scottish Philharmonic Society, 5388,000 (5280,000); Edinburgh Festival Society, £330,000 (£300,000); Royal Lyceum Theatre, (£300,000); Royal Lyceum Theatre, £245,000, plus funds from a rolling guarantee (£270,000); Clubene Theatre, Glasgow, £228,260 (£209,000); Travers Theatre Club, £162,000 (£128,000); Dunder Repertory, £114,000 (£100,000); Third Eye Centre, £170,000 (£155,000).

Exhibitions: The Vikings, British Museum, 10-5: Daphne Saud-ham, The Workshop, 83 Lamb's Conduit Street, 10.38-5.30;

Lectures: George Dennis and the Etruscans, Anne Pearson, British Museum, 1.15; The Constable letters. Gill Cohen, Cecily

Memoriai services: Sir Randle Baker Wilbraham, St Mary's Astbury, Cheshire, 3; Mr Caradog Prichard. St Bride's, Fleet Street, noon.

Science report

Astronomy: The Sun's nuclear fires

In the early 1960s astronomers realized that neutrinos provided an excellent means of testing the then highly successful theories of

stellar structure. They found that the Sun's temperature, composi-sition, diameter and radiation were all consistent with a particular

set of central nuclear reactions. But it soon became clear, and remains so today, that the num-

bers of neutrinos observed at the

The most drastic explanation is

that the Sun's nuclear fires have

run down. The reduction in the number of neutrinos that would

follow such an event would im-mediately be obvious because they reach the Earth so quickly. There

would also be a decrease in the other radiations, but that would

be undetectable for a hundred

According to that explanation

One consequence of that de-

compensate for the loss of energy flowing from its centre, would

decrease in size. Last year two American astronomers claimed to

have detected a solar contraction. A study of historical observa-tions made at the Royal Green-wich Observatory over the past 150 years indicated that the Sun's

diameter had decreased over the

past century by about one tenth of a 1 per cent, a significant quantity in astronomical terms.

therefore, we have now reached an undetermined stage in that hundred thousand years, with an

unpleasant future abead.

thousand years.

But, at least for the past 15 vears or so during which measurements have been carried 0 1... The most drastic explanation is



Lord Charteris of Amisfield, the Provost of Eton, who was yesterday appointed chairman of the National Heritage Memorial Fund.

Edinburgh Festival debut by the National

From Ronald Faux Edinburgh

The final touches to the 1980 were announced yesterday. From the opening on August 17 to Sep-tember 6 the festival will offer eight orchestras, three opera com-panies, two dance companies, exhibitions and a long list of dis-tinguished solvists.

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A strong drama element has been added, with performances by two companies of the National Theatre, the Royal Shakespeare company, the Amphi-Theatre company from Athens, and the Tadeusz Kantor's company, Cricot 2, from Poland. Mr John Drummond, the direc-

Mr John Drummond, the direc-tor, announced that the thirty-fourth festival will mount alto-gether 175 performances. The National Theatre will make its festival debut. In the first two weeks the Cortesloe company, under Bill Bryden, its Scottish director, will present The Passion,

Easter banquet

In the third week of the festival the Lyttleton company of the National Theatre, headed by Dame. Peggy Ashcroft, will present drama of a more conventional kind in the Royal Lyceum Theatre, with seven performances of Lilhan Hellman's Watch on the Rhine. That was originally produced in the 1940s and is a moving study of relationships set against the background of the Second World War.

War.

The Royal Shakespeare company return to Edinburgh with the two parts of Shakespeare's Henry IV is a new production by one of the company's most gifted young directors, Bill Alexander.

an adaptation by the company of the famous York mystery plays.

The Passian will be presented in two parts: Creation to Nativity, and Nativity to Judgment, sometimes in the Assembly Rall and sometimes, as the plays were presented originally, in the streets. The cycle of plays is described as vivid and entertaining.

In the third week of the festival the Lyttleton company of the Erotokritos, by Vitzentzos Kor-

to have its premiere in the Italian city this summer. Also during the third week the Amphi-Theaire company from Greece will present at the Assembly Hall what is described as a "very visual" production, with music of a Cretan epic poem, Erotokritos, by Vitzentzos Kornaros, which depicts a pair of star-crossed lovers. In the assembly room at the Festival Club there will be an international gathering of contemporary authors in a five-day writers' conference. They will discuss the question, "Whose language is it, anyway ...?".

On the opening Monday of the festival Alistatr Cooke will present "An Hour of American "An Hour of American
Humour", and there will be programmes devised and presented
by Dolina Maclennan called Dualthas—A Heritage, celebrating the
Gaelic language in words and

The National Theatre spent 2550 (estimate 2500-2700) on Burrell's Richard Wagner, his Life and Works, which was published in a limited edition of 100 copies in 1898. The Tate Gallery spent 2280 (estimate 2200-2250) on a series of 11 autograph letters from

11 autograph letters from Augustus John to Sir Gerald

Christie's manuscript sale made

£96,008, with 28 per cent unsold. The main difficulties lay with a

group of Gousod manuscripts; the manuscript of Gousod's com-

opera, Le médecin malgré lui of 1857, was bought in at 515,000, having been estimated to fetch between £28,000 and £30,000.

The top price was £13,000 (estimate £8,000-£10,000), paid anony-

Christie's sale of Chinese cera-

Two paintings by Nicholaes

Lady Mayoress
The Lord Privy Seal was a speaker at the Easter banquet given by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress at the Mansion House yesterday in honour of members of the Diplomatic Corps and their ladies. The Lord Mayor and the High Commissioner for Mauritius also spoke. The guests included:

Ambasadors, high commissioners, hargos d'affaires, spents secral, widerman, sheriffs, members of the Court of Common Countil and officers of the corporation and their ladies, the Apostolic Delogate, the Lord Great Chamberlain and their ladies, the Apostolic Delogate, the Lord Great Chamberlain and their ladies, the Apostolic Delogate, the Lord Great Chamberlain and their ladies, the Apostolic Delogate, the Lord Great Chamberlain and the lady Michael Howard. Lord and Lady Michael Howard. Lord and Lady Minster of State for Forrion and Commonwealth Affairs. Sir Raight and Lady Pictacent, Sir Lord Lady Dengy Licutenant-Colonel Sir Eric and Lady Monsel Licutenant-Colonel Sir Eric and Lady Proms. Mr and Mrs Derek Baker. Mr and Mrs Roser du Boulas, Rear-Admurd and Mrs A. J. Faith, and Mrs Roser du Boulas, Rear-Admurd and Mrs A. J. Faith, Mr Stophen Compresail. Mr and Mrs A. Ross. Mr and Mrs R. J. Salibara. Mr and Mrs R. J. Salibara. Mr and Mrs R. L. Share, Miss E. J. Wallmore, and Mrs R. L. Share, Miss E. J. Wallmore, By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

Rotary Club of London Rolary Club of London
The Lord Mayor and Lady
Mayoress of Westminster were
guests of honour yesterday at a
luncheon of the Rotary Club of
London, held at the Café Royal.
Mr John Bird, president of the

Meeting

Royal Yachting Association The Duke of Edinburgh, president of the Royal Yachting Association, was in the chair at the annual general meeting of the association held at the Savoy Hotel, London, yesterday. Having completed his five-year tenure of office, he proposed Mr Stewart Morris as his successor. The motion was carried. He also presented awards for services to yachting to Lady Anne Coventry. Mr Gerry Hagas and Commander R. L. Hewitt, RN

Dinner

Basketmakers' Company Basketmakers' Company
The Prime Warden of the Basketmakers' Company, Mr Basil W.
Vincent, presided at a dinner held
at funholders' Hall yesterday.
Assistant D. J. Robinson, Sir
Robert Somerville and Mr Deputy
Bernard L. Morgan also spoke.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before tax paid ; tax not disclosed) : De Worms, Baron Charles George Maurice, of Horsell, Woking, £161,686.

De Leon, Mr Herbart, of Bayswater, London ... £48,878.

sible explanations, such an observ-ation would be consistent with

More recent work has cast doubt on those observations, however.
Dr L Shapiro, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, reports in Science that the Sun's

Although those observations may

be relevant to one aspect of the neutrino puzzle, that puzzle remains unsolved. The less catast-

rophic and more likely alternatives are either that the astronomers'

understanding of solar processes is incorrect (which they are losth

to concede, given the great success of their theories in many other areas of stellar astronomy) of that

the particles are not behaving as

originally expected by particle physicists. In view of today's

rapid advances in particle physics, the latter explanation is perhaps the most likely.

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measure creats.

Berchem make £150,000 In Christie's manuscript sale yesterday the Victoria and Albert, on behalf of the incipient theatre museum, spent £4,000 (estimate £1,200-£1,500) on a collection of prompt copies, typescripts and notes by Beerbohm Tree, together with theatrical memorabilia collected by him.

Two paintings by Nicholaes Ber-chem, which had belonged in the chem, which had belonged in the mid-ninereenth century to John Walter, of The Times, were sold at Sotheby's yesterday for £100,000 and £50,000. The higher price was commanded by a view of a farmyard in winter, a strong and original composition; the lower price was paid for a southern landscape in summer, which had suffered some paint loss. Both were bought by D. Koetser, of Zurich. The sale of Old Master paintings at Sothebe's contained few works at Sotheby's contained few works of outstanding distinction. The morning session, including the rediscovered £1.7m Bours, totalled £3.136.150, with 10 per cent unsold. The afternoon made £408,010, with 15 per cent unsold. with 16 per cent unsold.

Leggatt paid 26,200 (estimate 21,000-£1,500) on behalf of the National Portrait Gallery for a portrait of Henry Fitzalan, Earl of Arundel, by Steven van der Meulen, inscribed with the date 1565; the came dealer prid £2,400.

Metiten, 10scribed with the date 1565; the same dealer paid £2,400 (estimate £1,000-£1,500) on behalf of the Scottish National Portrait Gallery for a portrait said to be of Sir William Davidson of Curriehill, who was created a baronet in

Several other museums were active. The Dundee Museum spent £3,500 (estimate £1,500-£3,000) on a large painting by Landseer (45 by 60in) entitled "Retrievers with a hare", in Sotheby's auction at Score Palace on Tuesday expanse.

caristic's sale of Chinese cera-mics and works of art in London yesterday made £325,625, with 17 per cent unsold. S. H. Chan, of Hongkong paid £38,000 (estimate £14,000-£18,000) for a Ming deep bowl painted with yellow and white glazes on an aubergine

1755 and 1800.

Sandhurst commissions The following have been granted It service commissions at the Military Academy Sand-

Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

P. Aitken (Hamilton G: D. R. Anos (Sedbergh S): P. A. Astie (Wolbeck C): S. P. A. Astie (Wolbeck C): B. B. Welbeck C: D. B. Strave (Blunchorough (Ablingdon S): J. C. J. Bray (Tasker-Milward Comp.) P. A. Brown (Welbeck C): D. B. Strave (Bluncham S): P. R. Byers (Welbeck C): F. J. Cahill (Seale Bordon): J. W. Castles (S): J. J. Bywaser (Welbeck C): F. J. Cahill (Seale Bordon): J. W. Castles (S): J. R. Charlesworth (Soilhoul S): R. N. Capp (Welbeck C): F. J. Cahill (Seale Bordon): J. W. Castlesworth (Soilhoul S): R. N. Capp (Welbeck C): F. J. Caniesworth (Soilhoul S): R. N. C. Capp (Welbeck C): F. J. Caniesworth (Soilhoul S): J. P. J. Crowley (Welbeck C): F. J. J. M. Dawson (Duke of York's RASS): J. W. Denny Brentwood S: J. J. Farbrouler (Quelliabeth's S): J. P. Feryusod (Ampleforth G): R. A. Foters (Welbeck C): S. R. Levor (Dover C): S. P. R. Lower (Welbeck C): S. R. Levor (Dover C): S. P. R. Lower (Welbeck C): S. R. Levor (Dover C): S. P. R. Lower (Welbeck C): S. R. Levor (Welbeck C): S. R. Levor

O'Nell Dannelben 11 20H Lample-forth: J. K. W. Pettier, PRINCE PR The following qualified for short

25 years ago

From The Times summary of the strike period for Monday, April 18, 1955.

Middle East pressure diameter has changed by less than a tenth of the value reported The Soviet Government earlier, and may not have changed He obtained that result from records of the time taken by the innermost planet, Mercury, to cross in front of the Sun. Such before the United Nations if the western powers continue their policy of pressure and threats observations have been made for more than 200 years and, accord-ing to Dr Shapiro, are more reliable as an indicator of the rowards countries in the area. A statement issued by the Foreign Ministry in Moscow accuses the western powers of solar diameter than the Greenwich striving towards the colonial

enslavement of these countries by serring up military groupings. Reference is made to the Turkey-Pakistan pact and the Turkey-Passau pact and the Turkey-Iraq alliance, and it is, suggested that Iraq is now enslaved by her new defence agreement with Britain. Syria, it threatened on Saturday to bring is stated, has been approached the situation in the Middle East with an ultimatum-like demand with an ultimatum-like demand to join the Turkey-Iraq alliance. The Soviet Union cannot remain indifferent to the worsening situation in the Middle East, the statement continues, because the formation of foreign military bases in the region has a direct relation to her security.

Memorial service Captain J. H. Illingworth

Captain J. H. illingworth
A memorial service for Captain
John Holden Illingworth was held
yesterday at St George's, Hamover
Square. The Rev W. M. Athins
officiated, assisted by the Rev D.
L. Peyton-Jones, Mr Sandy Illingworth (son) read the lesson and
Mr Patrick Egan gave an address.
Amour those present were:

worth, Mr and Mrs Miles Illingworth.

Mr M. Cotte.

In Land Press Chib., Lady Hingman Press Chib., Lady Hingman Press Chib., Lady Hingman Comminder Sir David and Lady
Mackworth, Dame Anne Bryans, ViceAgmiral Sir lan and Lady Hong, Lady
Irrencis Chichester, Vice-Admiral Sir
lan McGeoch, Admiral O. St. J. Steiner,
Mrs. Peter Green, General and Mrs.
J. M. L. Gavm. Mrs. Patrick Egan,
Mr Orez Alsher Irrervenling the
Royal Yachting Association, Mr D.

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the Debuty Master and Edder Breihren,
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Franco-British Colony for Convollercrais, and react-Misalives of the Royal
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and the Royal Sandaron Vacht Chub

service commissions and will join the regiments/corps shown: Jeux sont faits, 1947), popularizing essays (L'Existentia-lisme est un Humanisme, 1946) and through the articles that he selected for the monthly review, Les Temps Modernes, which he founded in 1945. Certainly the most versatile and fluent of mid-twentieth century French writers—bis collected essays on his persoual and political acquainsonal and political acquain-tanceships and on literature, painting and politics make up the une volumes of Situations (1947-1972)—Sattre developed an essentially didactic approach to literature. He

wrote in order to bring people, through a realization of their inrough a realization of their own contingency, to an awareness of their freedom and responsibility. Each human being, in his view, was both free to create new values, and inevitably condemned, by his situation, to bring values into being by every action which he performed. Those who failed or refused to recognize this—Baudelaire, the majority of the characters; in the unfinished four-volume novel. Chemins de la Liberté (1945-1949)—were condemned in terms that at times recalled the moral strictures of the nineteenth century, but no member of the middle-classes was ever presented in a favourable light in Sartre's fiction or plays. He was unremitthe French bourgeoisie, which he saw as a major enemy of political freedom and moral honesty, and was, perhaps partly as a result of this, highly sympathetic to Marxism. Indeed, the second phase of his career as a writer and thinker was almost completely dominated by political prob-lems, and marked a distinct movement away from the concern with individuals which had characterized his initial-preoccupation with the philoso-

ical reasons, with Maurice Merleau-Ponty. From 1952 the end of a pariod in French equerry to Queen I onwards he devoted much time literary history in which was posted to Natt and energy to an attempt at writers sought, offen with great 1979.

In the control of the french communist Party, and violently denounced the Russian interpolations of the Singh Deputy Chief become full witnesses of th vention in Hungary in 1956, many He was later to show compar- day.

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alone among Western writers in his artempt to combine the thinking of Marx, Freud, Hus-serl, Heidegger, Mao and Mar-

cuse into a coherent would view that would enable men to understand and influence the intellectual life and social organization of their time.

Truly French in his passion

for ideas, he was also Buro-pean by the range of his philo-sophical interest, and was a figure of world-wide import-ance by the extent of his liter-

ary concerns and his general

le-Grand and Henri IV is Paris. The first 10 years of his life, described with brilliant

and destructive malice in the autobiographical fragment Les. Mots (1964), were dominated by the figure of his maternal.

grandfather.

In 1925, Sartre gained entry
to the Ecole Normale.

Superieure of the roe d'Uhi,
and in 1929 succeeded in his
second attempt at the Agregation de Philosophie. His closest.

friends at that time were Faul Nizan, later a well-known Com-munist journalist, Maurica Merleau-Ponty Raymond Aron and Sunnane de Beauvoir. The

account.

M JEAN-PAUL SARTRE A leading original thinker

of the twentieth century

M Jean-Paul Sartre the sole hostility to the Russian French philosopher, novelist, invasion of Czechoslovakia in playwright, trinic and political 1968. The major philosophical journalist, died on Tuesday at work of this period, Lia Critiqua the age of 74.

His death removes from the aimed at liberalizing classical world literary, philosophical most original scene one of the most original thinkers of the most original thinkers of the mentally pessimistic view of the twentieth century. He stood man that is highly af variance with normal Marxist thingit. with normal Marrist thought vided the expertise. The outbreak of the Algerian 2 very wide knowledg war in 1954 made. Sector the and bookmen, espe war in 1954 made Sactre the and bookmen, especially spokesman in France for the modern literature, and whole cause of liberating ordinarily retentive metalogical territories, and also gave his full attentioned to some of his sharpest and as an impectable most violent attacks on success courtesy, to all his nive French governments. He and offered a service had been politically active both larly for journalists in the Resistance movement writers, that was in during the Second World in London in the Meanth was taken prisoner in it was this dedition and liberated in 1941— efficient service tog and in the late nineteen-for Erices way good in the late nineteen-for Erices way good in the late nineteen-for Erices way good in the late nineteen-for disarming smile, whis rally the non-Communist Left allegiance and descriptions. rally the non-Communist Left in his Rassemblement Democ customers, ratique Revolutionnaire, but it responsible it was only with the Algerian of the shop.

ary concerns and his general influence. From the moment in the early 1940s that his books and plays began to be widely read, no novelist, playwright, philosopher, psychologist or political thinker could hope to grasp anything of the complexity of the modern world without taking Sartre's views into account. was only with the Algerian of the shop.

war that he became a major of the shop.

In an emergency,

was not in stock or print. Frie could of a copy (new or sect print) and constitution (1958), and what many critics (consider his best play. Les Sequestres d'Altona in 1959. In was in this play that he most clearly put into practice his own views on the meed for literature to take sides which had caused so much controversy when Ouest one who knew him Before Better Boo an end. Frie moved lished in 1947. He was born in Paris on June 21, 1905. His father, the son of a country doctor from Perigord, was a naval officer who died in 1907. His mother, Anna-Maria Schwarzen Anne-Marie Schweitzer, cousin to Dr Albert Schweitzer of Lamberéné, remarried in 1916 the Comptroller of the ship-yards at La Rochelle, and Sartre was educated at the

The 1960s del findeed witness Kensington. Its sit a considerable increase both in from the heart of the interest which Series took trade in Charing C in policies and in the violence and from the pubs with which he responded to and acquantances of the contract of the con political events both is France, nor suit him; nor did and elsewhere. In 1965, he of financial respon-registered one of his first pro- The shop closed it tests against American policy he dealt no more it tests against American policy in Vietnam by spectacolarly cancelling his acceptance of an invitation to no and lecture at Cornell University, and the Vietnam problem took up much of his time in the following since years. In 1966, he accepted membership of the Russell Tribunal on American year control in Vietnam can war crimes in Viernam, and protested violently against American policy, in May, 1968, he expressed strong support for the scadest rebellion, and addressed a number of open meetings. Both in 1968 and in

and Summe de Beauvoir. The latter became his mistress and life-long political, philosophical and literary ally. The avoinever married and had no children, but in 1965 Sartre legally adopted. Arlette El-Kaim, then 28, as his daughter. From October, 1929, to January, 1931, Sartre did his military service at Tours, in the subsequent years, his review Les Temps Modernes expressed violent opposition both to French policy at home and to American policy abroad, tary service at Tours, in the Meteorological Branch, and after teaching for two years at Le Havre soent the academic year 1933-34 at the Maison and with the resignation of several leading members of the editorial board Sarrie, appeared to be increasingly solated. Francaise in Berlin. A fluent This isolation was something German speaker, he rapidly of which he became more and gained a thorough knowledge more conscious, especially of the existentialist doctrines after his condemnation in 1965 of Heidegger and Jaspers and of the Russian repression of more conscious, especially after us condennation in 1965 of the Russian repression of the Czechoslovak attempt to the phenomenology of Husserl. It was the combination of these ideas with his own views liberalize Communism. This cut isim off from the orthodox-wing of the French Communist on liberty and responsibility wing of the French Communist that was to make him one of Party, and he seemed to find the most significant and widely an acceptable attendative only read authors of the 1940s and in the extreme Maoist faction, 1950s. He expounded them in formal philosophical treatises nature of his later views that such as L'Imaginaire (1939) Sertre, like Pascal, unconsand L'Etre et le Néant (1943) ciously bore out the accuracy as well as in novels and short stories (La Nausée, 1938, Le Mur. 1939), plays (Les Mouches, 1943, Huis Clos, 1944,

of those critics who maintained that existentialism was always doomed to expouse the outer extremes of the most idosyn-cratic positions. The length of Les Mains Sales, 1948), linerary criticism (Baudelaire, 1946, Saint Genet Comédien et Martyr, 1952), filmscripts (Les tratic positions. The length of the first three volumes of his long-promised book on Flaubert, L'Idiot de la marille, eventually published in 1971 and in 1973, after Sartie had worked on it some fifteen years, pevertheless showed that his preoccupation with literary and philosophical marters had not entirely left him. His determination to follow his own line of thought also marks own line of thought also marks him out as a true descendant of his Alsatian Protestant forebears, and his insistence on pears, and us. Inscence on never following a multitude to do evil likewise expressed, itself in his attitude fowards those official honours normally accepted by more conventional men of letters in France. After the liberation of France in 1944, he refused the Légion d'Honneur ... and ... consistently opposed all attempts to present any of his works for one of the many literary prizes tradi-tional in French society.

He travelled extensively and wrote approvingly of the social revolutions in China (1955) and in Cuba (1959). However, he later viewed subsequent developments in Cuba with greater scepticism; and showed an even greater distillusionment with the failure of the Algerian revolutionaries to develop a genuinely socialistic society after the liberation of their country in 1962. In company with Sanone de Beauvoir he became extremely fond of Italy, where he was in the habit of spending every sum-mer vacation. He was strongly. attracted by the more liberal policy of the Italian Com-monist Party, and even went so far as to say that he would be a member of it if he lived permanently in Italy. His in-rerest in the visual arts visible both in his fiction and philoso-phical works, also profited from his love of Italy, and inpired one of the best and most intriguing of his works, the essay on Tintoretto entitled Le Séquestré de Venise (1957). He was a very generous man. phy of mind and private The turning point came in and gave away much of the the early nineteen-fifties when large amount of money that he he published the highly revolutionary play Le Diable et le Bon Dieu (1951), broke with his erstwhile friend and ally times intolerant and always Albert Camus because of the large areas french writers, his sometimes intolerant and always violent passion for freedom larter's attack on communication. Albert Camus because of the latter's attack on communism and justice made him as hated kens in The Netherla and quarrelled again for polinary and quarrelled again for polinary and grant reasons, with Maurice were in theirs. His death marks, lands Navy and was a lands Navy and was a

MR KENN Bookselle high repu

Mr Kenneth John Mr Activeta join merly one of the pooksellers in London April 7 at the age of a long illness. He s apprenticeship at Foy was as manager of Be under Tony Godwin Godwin's flair wa: play and publicity; vided the expertise allegiance and responsible for the

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Bank cuts

the bond markets where it taken as the first clear sign that interest rates are beginning to come down. But the dollar, which has drawn strength from the high interest rates in recent weeks fell sharply against all major currencies. It was quoted at 1.85—6 against the Deutsche mark, down from 189 and at 2.22 against the pound. At the and of last week it was 2.18

end of last week it was 2.18. News that Chase had cut what is effectively the minimum it charges industrial borrowers for loans also bought life back to Wall Street. Activity picked up sharply from recent depres-singly low levels and share

prices across the board showed modest gains. The cut in rates has been caused by two separate develop-ments. Industrial output dropped for the second successive month, and the fall of 0.8 per cent was much more than analysts had expected. This reinforced the belief that

the American economy is mov-ing rapidly into recession. On a technical level rates in

Opinion is still divided on whether the Chase move is the beginning of a trend. The bank stressed that it was responding purely to current conditions and that there was no gueranteec that its next move would also be down. While three small regional banks followed the Chase lead and cut rates, its major competitors sat tight at

They may be forced lower soon however as the drop in CD rates has continued. "Three month rates are down to 16.60, which would justify prime rates easily below 19 per cent", Mr Robert Sinche, an economist with brokers Bear Stearns said.

His firm expects the prime to drop to 11 per cent by the year end, but for the next three months rates will fall only grudgingly ".

"We expect some residual loan demand which will prop up rates, Also the banks profits were hurt on the upswing. They want to make some of that back so they are not going to rush to lower rates", he said-

The dollar fell sharply in Europe on news of the cut in prime rates, It closed nearly three cents down against the pound at \$2.2150. Sterling's on a technical level rates in the certificates of deposit market, which is where the banks themselves have been forced to themselves have been forced to the funds, dropped sharply per cent of its 1971 level. Gold on Tuesday—six month CDs fal-

halt all bank clearance operations

By David Felton Labour Reporter

Banking operations through out the country could be seriously disrupted today if employees working in a crucial computer centre decide to take sympathetic strike action over pay dispute.

The dispute, which involves 68 messengers working at Nutional Westminster Bank's City offices spread yesterday to other banks, and the mes-sengers' union said last night that its members at Bankers Automated Clearing Services at Edgware, north London, were considering walking out.

BACS is wholly owned by the main English clearing banks and handles the processing of documents and cheques for clearing. If the men, who are

clearing. If the men, who are mainly engineers walk out today, the Banking Insurance and Finance Union said that clearing of cheques would quickly come to a halt.

After a one-day strike at NatWest on April 1, the action started again on Tuesday and continued yesterday when BIFU members at Lloyds Bank computer centre, Midland Bank's clearing office, Standard Chartered Bank, and Barclays Bank International, joined the strike. International, joined the strike. Yesterday's escalation of the action was authorized by Mr Leif Mills, union gentral secretary, who said that it was up to individuals at BAGS to decide whether they wanted to take action, but if they did he union would give them official sup-

The dispute is over a pay claim for messengers at Nat-West which would give them parity with the minimum pay of unskilled maintenance workers. The bank has con-

Strike may Government must abandon economic policy in favour of reflation Cambridge economists say

leading Britain into an unprecedented recession and will have to be abandoned. preferably in favour of a programme of reflation, devaluation and import convols, according to the Cambridge Economic Policy Group.

The group gives a warning that on present policies, gross domestic product could fall by 8 per cent between 1979 and 1981 with unemployment topping 2.5 million and British industry severely weakened. None of this would necessarily lead to a significantly lower inflation rate. Writing in the latest edition of the Cambridge Economic Policy Review, the group argues that the Government's programme ignores the implications of a rising sterling exchange rate and domestic inflation in excess of competitors.

It says that the Government will not be able to afford significant tax cuts to stimulate better business performance nor will control of the money supply necessarily bring down inflation.

The review suggests that these misrecession which is undermining the public financial position becomes uncontrollable, it would seem inevitable that the Government will have to abandon its

The immediate consequences of such a reversal of policy would be a fall in the exchange rate (presumably leading to the reintroduction of exchange controls), a less restrictive target for the public sector borrowing requirement and almost certainly another incomes policy aimed at preventing an exchange rate/price/

Specifying its objections to government policy in more detail, the review says that the combination of a restrictive domestic policy and seriously overvalued exchange rate can only lead to a severe fall in domestic output, given ever-increasing import penetration.

The review casts doubts on how the Government is to achieve its spending and taxation cuts. It argues that spending cuts will come largely from substantially higher prices charged by nationalized industries. These would be better called tax increases and the Government has merely achieved an increase in the overall tax burden with redistribution to

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monetary policy is proving counterproductive. Not only does it contribute to higher inflation by intensifying the tax burden and raising interest rates, but, over the longer run, the strengthening of the exchange rate undermines industry, reduces gop and raises the tax burden still further.

The group expects the public sector's financing problems to deteriorate alarmingly, with the PSER rising to as much as £20,000m next year unless corrective action is taken.

Dismissing a return to conventional policies as of limited use, the group reiterates its customary call for import The group has produced forecasts on the basis of import tariffs ranging up to 30 per cent, devaluation of sterling and a

short-run incomes policy. It concludes that, with substantial cuts in indirect taxes and rates, there could be a high average rate of growth through the eighties.

Over the shorter term adjustment period, unemployment could be held to around 2 million and the rate of price inflation could fall to under 10 per. cent

West Germany optimistic about economy

From Peter Norman Hanover, April 16

The West German government still believes that the economy will grow by at least 2.5 per cent in real terms this year despite the international uncertainties that have arisen with the crises in Iran and 'Speaking at the opening

the Hanovar Trade Fair, Dr Otto Graf Lambsdorf, the economics minister, today predicted that unemeployment would be held at the relatively low level of 3.5 to four per cent of the working population. Graf Lambsdorff made

clear that the government and the federal bank are deter-mined to bring inflation down from the present 5.8 per cent to 4.5 per cent which was set as a target in the annual report on the economy three months He said that Germany's bal-

ance of payments on current account, which is expected to show a deficit of at least DM20,000m (£4,878m) this year, will not return towards equilibrium quickly as it did after the oil crisis of 1973/4.

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German industry could not Germany's economic prospects expect another explosive increase in its exports to the member states in the Organiza-

Countries as occurred after the first oil crisis because inter-New orders for German innational competition was now dusty from home and abroad have risen sharply in the first more intense and the Opec states had decided to slow down their development programmes.

much greater competitive pressure from the newly industrializing countries. Developments at the Hanover Fair will be watched closely to see whether Graf Lambsdorff's

He predicted that German in-

two months of this year. Over-all orders were 16 per cent higher in February compared with the same month last year would be exposed to and export orders rose by one

fifth despite the increase in interpational tensions. In general there is little evidence of an impending downturn in the ecoomy, akthough the Finance Ministry in Bonn is already concerned that the looming recession in the United States is bound to wash over into the Federal Republic.

Sir Derek Ezra will PO chief denies rift head chairmen's group led to resignation . The detail of how the gap

By Patricia Tisdall Management Correspondent

Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the National Coal Board, is expacted to replace Sir William Barlow, who resigned suddenly as Post Office chairman, on the Nationalized Industries Chairmen's Group.

timing of Sir William's actual. departure; be has said he will stay on until the separation of the postal from the telecommunications side of the corporamay continue in office until late summer or early autumn.

Sir William has said that he would continue as chairman of the group for as long as his colleagues wish. He only took month. Under the rules of the group the previous chairs due to stand in during the first six months of the newcomers'

So, if Sir William does not depart until September, Sir Francis Tombs; chairman of the Electricity Council, would be next in line. If the resignation takes effect before, Sir Derek Ezra as chairman-elect would take over.

can be filled is to be discussed at a meeting of the group in May. Sir William's departure will be missed most in forthcoming discussions with the Treesury about the financing requirements of the public sector. Sir William believes strongly that state concerns But much depends on the should have increased flexibility in borrowing to fund invest-ments and the other chairmen

> But Sir Francis Tombs will lead the working party at the talks, so the technical arrangements will be unchanged.

As a group the chairmen have already told Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor, that they want their borrowings to be removed sector borrowing requirement. The group sees this as its main task for the coming year.

The group was set up as an informal lunch club by Sir Alfred Robens in the mid 1960s and it has been steadily growing in influence. It now represents nearly all the public sector corporations and boards with 22 members; the most recent mem-ber being Mr Rouald Utiger, chairman of the British National

By Kenneth Owen Sir William Barlow, whose forthcoming resignation as chairman of the Post Office was announced on Tuesday, yester-day denied that he had had any

row with the Government." There have been no rows any. where he said in a statement.
"It is simply that, having completed planning work for the separation of the postal and relecommunications businesses this summer, it is a convenient time for me to appounce my return to the private sector. "The Government in fact

tried to persuade me to stay and accept appointments as chairman of British Telecomtoo strongly that there has been no specific incidents leading to my decision, which was carefully considered over a period of time."

Mr John Whyte, deputy managing director of Post Office Telecommunications, also referred to the forthcoming separation of the postal and ecommunications businesses. Speaking at a communications conference in Birmingham Mr Whyte said the nature of the posts and telecommunications businesses was so different that different styles of management

highly labour-intensive

while the telecommunications business was highly capital-intensive and totally dependent on the most advanced tech-

Comparing the two businesses, Mr Whyte said the labour cost for the postal service was 75 per cent of revenue, compared with 41 per cent for telecommunications; capital spending was three per cent of revenue compared with 31 per cent and the net capital assets added in 1979 amounted for telecommunications.

"It is therefore increasingly anachronistic to artificially constrain such disparate enter-prises to operate within the same commercial entity", Mr Whyte said. He gave a warning of the daugers which could accompany the Government's decision to consider amending Post Office's monopoly

relating to the supply of peri-pheral equipment.

This could possibly benefit some customers through a some customers through a wider range of apparatus which could be linked with the public network, Mr Whyte comitted. But there were great risks that deteriorate

"The decade of the 1980s will show the extent to which the benefits will outweigh the disadvantages", he said.

Robot incentives 'not necessary'

The Government sees no need for new public initiatives to encourage selected parts of industry to adopt robots and other new technology, although it agrees that the adoption of such techniques is highly desirable. Sir Kelth Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, said in the Government's reply to the report, Joining and assembly; the impact of robots and automation, published last November by the Advisory Council for Applied Research

and Development (ACARD). Sir Keith is saying that much esearch and advisory work is available under urrangements, and it is up to industry to make greater use

In a letter to Dr Alfred Spinks, chairman of the advisory council, Sir Keith said customer hetter. He said the Government was to provide an economic frame-

work and climate which would stimulate enterprise and efficiency and reward success. It was for individual companies to grasp the opportunities offered by new technology; to secure the best use of existing and new investment; and to set themselves high standards in

Support for individual projects was available, and in choosing the areas for support we shall certainly take into the comments of ACARD

the Government from a con-sultancy company had confirmed report's emphasis on the im-portance of United Kingdom the advisory council view that industry adopting the latest the application of robots was technology in order to improve more important than their production in the United Kingdom. There was evidence that ingrowing, but the most im-portant determinant of planned new investment was that it should be seen to be profitable.

As the demand for robots in-creased, there would be greater scope for manufacturing them in Britain, Sir Keith said.

To provide advice companies, the Macha Engineering & Machine Mechanical thine Tools Requirements Board had placed a contract with the Production Engineering Research Association to establish a service to advise on robot applications. Further research was being done in industry and at the National Engineering Labora-

Doubts over CBI strike fund for employers

putes, which has drawn mixed feelings from industry leaders,

may be abandoned.
Yesterday, Sir John Methven,
director general of the CBJ, said that unless a substantial majority of those consulted agreed to take part, the plan would not go head. The final But in a survey of 150 indus-trialists from about 120 CBI member companies a majority

The plan has been criticized ployers' resolve and lead to bigger and longer strikes, but Sir John said this had not happened in the United States

flexibility and people can choose which establishments they wish to insure. Now we have to see how much they want to pay ".

The CBI's view is that the scheme will not necessarily cut down strikes but will help

pay settlements in manufacturing industry reported to its data bank since August balf were for pay increases of 15 per cent of less. Almost 40 per cent of actiles. settlements were for between 16 and 20 per cent; just more than 10 per cent of settlements were for 21 per cent or more. going rate ".

pay increases since August differed little from the private

" In nearly half of the settle ments recently reported to the data bank profits have been cited as exerting a very import ant downward pressure on settlements

"This suggests that 'abilio pay' y' is exering a progres-sronger influence on the

The Confederation of British Industries' proposed strike fund to give companies more financial muscle to withstand dis-

decision is to be made in June. of three to one was interested

posed fund would be eligible for reimbursement of between 50 and 75 per cent of their "stand-ing charges", such as factory and office overheads, if they suffered a strike.

where similar funds operate.

The confederation is concerned that the scheme will flounder unless it produces adequate premiums and has a broad spread of large and

small, strike prone and dispute-

The CBI said that of the 449 pay settlements in manufactur-

The CBI said: "One trend that has emerged in recent weeks is the increasing importance of company profits as an influence on pay settlements.

in knowing more about the insurance scheme and several companies said definitely that There was no sign of a single free companies. Sir John said: "We have been retining the scheme. Apart from Clegg they would join.

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£1,400m insurance syndicate to be set up

Arab group to challenge Lloyd's

underwriters and Middle East crease war risk premiums on insurance officials last summer ships entering the Gulf.
This move was cancelled after is believed to have led to the formation of a \$3,000m (£1,400m) insurance syndicate backed by four Arab countries. The new syndicate, which

have a big impact on

world insurance capacity, is to be set up this weekend backed by funds from Kuwait, Libya. the United Arab Emirates and Datar. Mc: Abdul : al-Rabman, . Kuwait's finance minister, was quoted yesterday as claiming that the syndicate, to be based in Bahcain, would compete with Lloyd's and other markets in

the west for international reinsurance business. Last night Lloyd's conceded that the move was probably world markets is already so prompted by the Lordon mar- high and rates at such low levels

A disoute between Lloyd's ket's decision last year to inthe visit of an Arab delegation to Lloyd's last August but

> of the year as a result of the Irenian crisis. Private sector Gulf companies have already formed an Arab war risk pool in response to the Lloyd's move but the new nationalized venture is apparently designed more with a view to absorbing Arab money Although funding details have not been released it is

reintroduced towards the end

the new syndicate could handle premiums of at least £3,000m or £1,000m more than Lloyd's annual inflow: However, over capacity in

clear that theoretically at least

have to offer dangerously low like that total.

The view held by officials in the London market is that the new syndicate will have only a very slight impact initially. This is supported by comments attributed to Kuwaiti officials to the effect that undercutting the western market could lead to a flood of dubious risk business

pouring into the Gulf.
The Muslim prohibition of usury has not stopped the growth of insurance in Middle Eastern industry but the view that it is wrong to take a gamble on Allah's will has led to little growth in what western insurers regard as "bread-andbusiness such as life

Richard Allen

priate ". A report commissioned by tory.

Jardines 1979 Profits:

After tax earnings up 20% to HK \$ 403.2 million. Extraordinary items add

20 per cent Increase

Earnings per stock unit before extraordinary items HK\$1.86 compared with HK \$1.55 in 1978, an increase of 17%.

Higher dividends. Recommended final dividend of HK\$0.60 making a total of HK\$0.82 for the year, an increase of 15.5%.

Free scrip issue of 3 for 20 recommended. Underlying basis of recurrent earnings improved considerably and short-term cash resources increased by disposal of loss-making and low-yielding assets and

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growth enabled all sectors of business to perform well. Similar rate of growth amicipated in 1980 as achieved in 1979, and rate of dividend expected to be maintained on capital as increased by proposed free scrip-

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Total profit available for appropriation	495.0	431.8
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Jamaica refuses standby link with IMF

Jamaica has agreed with its foreign banks creditors to avert any defulat on its \$110m debt after a meeting during the 21st general assembly of the Inter-American Development Bank with representatives of United Canadian and British

private banks.
Mr Ronald Hugh Small, finance minister, said that Jamaica's debt would continue to, be paid off without the standby agreement with International Monetary Fund. An American banker who took part in the talks said Jamaica would continue to roll over 90 per cent of its foreign hank debt as it becomes due-

Olivetti negotiations

Olivetri, the electronics and office equipment group, may announce success on Friday in negotiations with St Gobain-Pont a Mousson of France concerning a substantial capital injection by the French group into Olivetti.

Oil self-sufficiency

Argentina hopes to be self-sufficient in nil by 1982 and perhaps export in the future. Argentina also may become self-sufficient in natural gas and could export gas to neginbour-ing countries once pipelines are

Italian left-wing aid

La Lega delle Cooperative, the Italian left-wing coopera-tive movement, will give the Madagascar Government about \$130m for development. A similar agreement with Algeria is

Japan's ship orders up Foreign orders received by Japanese shipyards last financial year rose sharply from 154 vessels in 1979 to 294 vessels worth 1,170,000m yea (£2,115m).

Dutch aid to Turkey

Holland is to contribute \$21m (£9.5m) to the £527m loun package to Turkey agreed by 15 countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and the Community

Doubts over Chrysler

Administration approval of Chrysler Corporation's \$2,000m (£913m) financial commitments needed to qualify for federal aid remains in doubt. Interim fidancing will not be given until long-term financing is worked

Car sales down again

Sales of United States produced cars fell by 24 per cent in early April, continuing the

*Pre-tax profit and earnings

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Fears over electrical imports surge

UK manufacturers worried by undercutting by East Europeans

Sharp increases in imports of domestic electrical appliances from East European countries are causing British manufacturers grave concern, according to the Association of Manufacturers of Domestic Electrical Appliances (AMDEA). There has been anxiety for some time

over low-price competition from Italy, particularly from washing machine and refrigerator manufacturers, but the East Europeans are landing appliances in Britain at prices well below domestic The British domestic electrical appliance

market has been static. Last year United Kingdom deliveries to the trade showed a marginal decline at 21.6 million while imports continue to rise. Imports grew to 39 per cent last year, compared with 33 per cent in 1978, according to AMDEA's

The East European exports are mainly refrigerators and freezers but an increasing number of vacuum cleaners are also being sent to Britain. The increases are from a low base, but Hungary has increased its exports of refrigerators to the United Kingdom by 154 per cent to 19,300 in the past year, while freezers from East Germany show a 186 per cent

increase to 9,600. In vacuum cleaner-manufacture, sector still heavily dominated by the United Kingdom manufacturers, imports from East Germany have risen 190 per cent and imports from Poland have gone

up by 47 per cent.
All East European items are now

thought to amount to around 100,000 a year, according to AMDEA.

United Kingdom companies fear the East European manufacturers will take over the lower end of the market, which has until now been dominated by the Italians. However the Italian makers could intensify their competition in the middle price range of goods which until now has been the British makers' stronghold.

In fact Italy's share of total imports of electrical appliances dropped last year to 88 per cent from 1978's 90 per cent. However, in 1979 both France and Germany increased their import share slightly. The West German makers particularly have been taking a large slice of the luxury end of the market.

Just over 11 per cent of the United Kingdom electric cooker sector is new accounted for by imports, mostly in the form of built-in units. Imported ovens are now thought to account for 21 per cent of that market.

One gleam of hope for the British manufacturers is that, although washing machine imports in general were up, the amount of automatic machines imported dropped marginally from 46.5 per cent in 1978 to 45.2 per cent last year.

The engineering strike last year and to lesser degree the transport strike early in the year had hampered the British efforts to commer the imports threat, AMDEA said. No clear picture on the effects of the steel strike on this year's figures has yet started to emerge.

Another disconcerting factor for the British makers is their declining export performance. An AMDEA monitoring survey of major product groups showed a 7.4 per cent decline last year to 2.5m unitsa fall in value terms of 5.6 per cent.

Derek Harris

Construction industry seeks to end Survival of Group of Eight differences

Pressure to restore a sense of unity among building employers, unions and professions has increased following the decision by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, to treat the group as the main channel of contact on matters of strategic importance to the industry. At the same time, he scrapped

the existing national consultarive machinery. This has lead to a reappraisal

of the Group of Eight's activities, which has until now operated on an informal basis. Group members, who were taken aback by Mr Heseltine's decision, are anxious to avoid becoming too bureaucratic and formalized.

At the same time, they realize that if the group is to represent adequately the 20-odd organizations whic hparticipated old consultative machinery, its scope must be wid€ned.

Individual members of the group will discuss the implications of the changes with their own organizations before the Group of Eight reassembles to discuss how its new strategic role may be developed.

However, the group is find-

Attempts will continue later this week to patch up differences among construction leaders which threaten the future of the all-industry Group of Fight test against government policies.

The second labour representative, from the Transport and General Workers' Union, is now considering his future member-ship, having pulled out o fthe group's most recent meeting with Mr Heseltine.

Although the group has had ready access to both Labour and Conservative governments, feeling has grown that it has been powerless either to prevent or to mitigate repeated cuts in public construction spending. Unions have found various

aspects of Conservative policy increasingly distasteful and have suspected that employers within the group have refrained from criticizing ministers strongly. Mr Basil Gwyn, chairman of the Building Material Producers

and a member of the group, issued a strong plea for unity, saying it was essential that the industry spoke with a united voice at a time when it sprospects were dismal. " No industry can regard with

equanimity the continuing decline in its prospects and its fortunes. It becomes all the more essential, therefore, that the Group of Eight should continue to represent forcibly and with the industry's full authoriour various problems," Mr



Mr Basil Gwyn : strong plea for

Behind the scenes, moves are heing made—mainly through Mr Bryan Jefferson, president of the Royal Institute of British Architects-to persuade the TGWU that it should remain a member of the group.

However, union views on the value of continuing to talk to Mr Heseltine are not likely to have been altered by impression given that by imposing a new role on the group, without prior consultation, the minister acted in a typically high-handed man-

Soviet threat to shipping group profits

By Michael Baily Shipping Correspondent

Surplus capacity in world liner trades and cut-price com-petition from the Soviet Union could force profits down again this year for the giant Overseas Container (OCL) consortium after a \$1.9m dip to \$33.1m last year. Sir Ronald Swayne, the chairman, said yesterday.

The threat from Russian shipping had not developed as much downward trend of recent cause they were so inefficient, months. The size of the decline was in line with expectagillary, whose target was to take a quarter of the Europe-

WILLIAM BAIRD

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Far East trade in the short term and a half eventually was so formidable that only quotas imposed by Western governments could save western shipnwars from a steady decline in its trades. this very important trade.

Britain's liner trades in its tiest of big container ships. Containerization is still pro-

gressing to more trades, faster than had been predicted and excess capacity of liner shipping will probably peak in the coming year, with some signs that the rate of new container-

World liner trades are still There were a number of in a transitional phase, Sir bright spots for OCL however, Ronald said in his chairman's which carries the main share of Britain's lines render in its floor. that once the box is offered. shippers and importors want a more or less total container service", and "the bigger service", and "the bigger cellular containership of slowest commercially competitive speed. with fuel efficient machinery, will we believe be the survivor, other things being equal "

textiles 'will depend on innovation'

By Our Industrial Staff

Future success o fibe British textile sector will depend in-creasingly on innovation and the commercial application of the national talent for invention, industry leaders were told vesterday.

There was a danger that long-term research for the future would be weakened as industry grappled with severa commercial problems, Mr Ian MacArtour director of the British Textile Confederation said. The present recession will

not last foreever. Sooner or later there will be a revival in the world market. If we secure the international trading framework which we seek, and sterling is more realistically valued, that revival of demand will bring real opportunity.

"We should, therefore, look to a better future, and prepare ourselves to seize the opportunities" he said.

Speaking in Harrogate. Mr MacArther said that competi-tion would be intense. All pro-ducers, including those in lowcost countries, now had access to modern machinery and advanced production techniques.

This meant that British producers had to exploit other strengths, such as textile research and educational struc-ture, which were the best in the world. Mr MacArthur's remarks

come at a time when research establishments are having to seek out more short-term commercial contract work.

The Shirley Institute, which conducts research primarily in cotton. silk and man-made fibres, and Wira (formerly the Woll Industry Research Association) are reorganising their efforts to meet the demands of contracting industries.

MacArthur said that de pite the pressure to take short term commercial contract work a balance must be maintained While the financial disciplines of commercial reality must be accepted, they must not weaken long-term research for the frure," he said.

Paper trade needs

By Edward Townsend Britain's paper trade was warned last night that in the face of depressed demand in

and managing director of the Inveresk Group, told the annual dinner of the National Association of Paper Merchants in London that the industry's customers were under great pressure and losing business to overseas competitors. As a result, a reduction in deliveries

are some aspects of current government monetary policies which command wide support and there is an acceptance of the need for strong medicine, there is increasing concern that manufacturing industry in par-ticular, and business in general, is in danger of being given an overdose — an overdose which may deal with the illness but may also kill the patient in the

The paper industry should "and with a much louder voice", of the severe difficul-

Prices of many grades of paper in western Europe were too low and seriously out of line with pulp prices. This was against the background of a further rise in pulp prices from April 1, increases in energy costs, wages and salaries and bution costs.

"This imbalance between pulp and paper prices inevit-ably causes great instability and must surely change—it cannot

priced paper, or of uncommer-cial credit terms, whether from traditional suppliers or from opportunist non-tradizional suppliers, if encouraged, "are likely to give rise to serious long-term and perhaps permanent damage" to

Top US officials defend restrictive policies

Washington. April 16.—Two oured the board's policies to of President Carter's top economic uides reaffirmed their support for the Administration's restrictive economic strategy and said that any future relaxation should begin with monetary

rather than fiscal policy.
Alr G. William Miller, Treasury Secretary, said that although there were signs that an economic slowdown was beginning, the Administration should stick to its tight fiscal and

worse thata expected it would be better to maintain discipline on the fiscul side and to ease monetary policy because changes in monetary policy can he more easily timed to be "coincident with the need".

banking committee thta he fav- year.

sible, and a tighter fiscal policy could help to achieve that goal, he said.

ering trying to alleviate the effect of high interest rates on the housing industry. One move could be to endorse efforts in the House to reduce mortgageinterest subsidies to low-income households so that the aid could be made available "more generally". Mr Gramley added.

would consider "sympatheti-cally" the idea of imposing different standards on loan growth for large and small banks. The Fed has asked all hanks to limit the growth in and a nominee to the Federal credit they extend to a 6 per Reserve Soard, told the senate cont to 9 per cent range this

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in real terms over recent years. BR now receives less governnew overall policy for transment support than any major port in the area, taking account-European railway and yet it the widest economic and has consistently met the finansocial welfare interests of the cial targets set by governregion so that the commuters' A loss of £66m in the freight and parcels business has been contribution can be properly This will be more fruitful to virtual break-even in the last three years and the introduction of High Speed matter for debate than discussing the revival of regional designs and liveries for trains. Trains, together with market-

was 30 per cent bigger.
It is always open to the Post
Office to take its mail business and competitive spirit is alive in BR without turning the clock away from railways, but a re-minder that this sanction exists, Yours faithfully first exposed by BR in its own staff newspaper, Railnews, is very different from the sugges-tion that the 538m contract is G. MYERS; Board Member for Marketing, British Railways Board,

Grateful to Sir Freddie

From Mr Christopher Keeling Sir, As a Lloyd's underwriting agent whose full-time lob is looking after the affairs of some 500 members of Lloyd's throughout the world, I believe throughout the world, I believe that I speak for many of the Lloyd's community in saying that I am extremely grateful to Sir Freddie Laker for the tone of his letter to you of April 8. After a spate of publicity which has brought forth world.

From Mr J. A. L. Dorrell

moving house at about £3,500.

of which £1,000 was reimbursed

by my employers and £800-went in stamp duty. Since suit-

able opportunities are limited

in my new area, I am faced with a difficult choice: sit tight in my present house

drawing unemployment pay over a long period while I find

a new job, or cast my net wide

in order to secure employment quickly wherever it may arise. My natural instinct is to fol-low the latter course. But any

move will presumably cost me

another £3,000 of which per-

haps a more generous employer will refund £2,000.

What really hurts is the £800

or so the Government will

again charge me on my new

house, wherever that may be. I shall of course act like Fried-

man's economic man and attempt to recover it through a

higher price, adding my own little twist to the inflationary

be under any illusion that the raising of the exemption value

to £20,000 will make any signi-

ficant difference in the impact of this tax on labour mobility.

I have no quarrel with the Chancellor's Budget in general,

but if ever there was a cosme-tic change, this is it. One can only surmise that is was Sast-

chi and Sautchi's contribution,

Yours faithfully.

Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire, March 28.

to Nepal

J. A. L. DORRELL, 56 Way Lane,

Further reply

From Sir Philip de Zulueta

Sir. May I briefly reply to the

letter from the Ambassador of

The Ambassador's reply illustrates the problems of dealing with Nepal. It is perfectly true, as the Ambassador says, that the Royal Nepalese Government have fulfilled their obligations and honoured their guarantee; unfortunately, however, they did so 11 years late and, as we know, in banking

and, as we know, in banking time is literally money. It is

also true that the Nepalese

Government did not guarantee the interest but only the prin-

cipal; but the unconditional and irrevocable guarantee of

the debt ought to have made

an interest guarantee unnecess

ary and indeed insulting. I did write in 1978 in the terms

which the Ambassador men

tions; but that was before it

was clear that our prime debt-or, the Mahendra Company,

was going to hide behind Nepalese law in refusing to

accept an award in favour of

had agreed to United King-dom arbitration in the original

back clearly now on the Nepa lese Government, whose con-

cept of honouring their obliga-

tions appears to take no account of time; perhaps it might be reasonable for the

British Government to take a

contract.

Antony Gibbs, although they

So the responsibility falls

Nepal published on April 8?

Geoffrey Howe cannot

unemployed.

Sir. In his nostalgia for the "good old days" of pre-

"good old days" of pre-nationalized railways. Mr John

Ogilvie (Letters, April 16) is

less than fair to today's rail-

way managers and far from accurate in his comments on

the railway business of today.

The Board's annual report for 1979 will be published next

week and it will show that the

cost of railways to the taxpayer

has been significantly reduced

ing enterprise, has generated the highest passenger mileage since 1961, when the network

wide criticism, it makes a very welcome change for the public to be reminded of the contribution which Lloyd's as a whole makes to our exports. Your faithfully, CHRISTOPHER KEELING. Managing Director, Fenchurch Underwriting Agencies Ltd, 136 Minories, London EC3N 1QN. April 9.

Competitive spirit A birthd: 12 of British Rail gift for p

gest that BR plans to spend From Mr Saxon Tate 150m on a fleet of 60 Sir, Today is the bird Advanced Passenger Trains new country, Zimba without acknowledging that the which we in Britain bulk of this amount is simply company in particular recessive renewal of assets. and close ties. On becompany I offer my c tions and good wish future, and a speedy

South-east rail-scene is con- a stable prosperous : cerned. BR Has launched a It was indeed enco way matter and must be Zimbabwe with their considered in the context of a aid.

day present would t EEC given the lead the United Kingdom Zimbabwe a quota African, Caribbean a Sugar Protocol of Europention, which I t Zimbabwe has applie This seems eminently as the original offe Community to the / producers of 1,400,000 undersubscribed. Historically this :

just, since Zimbaby enjoyed a quota unde monwealth Sugar Ag Politically it would opportune as a expression of the E mitment to the K dialogue. This is current concern as th report of their mittee on EEC

tonight._ Economically it sound move as Zis among the most eco-ducers of sugar in and will be looking from which to re-es sugar exports. Yours faithfully, SAXON TATE, Group Managing Directory
Tate & Lyle, Limited

Electricity bill transfer Prohibitive banks not to blame costs From the Director of the of moving

Banking Information Service Sir, Mr Dougherty (April 8) should not blame the betcks for the inconvenience of not being able to pay his electricity bill by credit transfer; it is his electricity board that has decided to discontinue offering the facility. Sir, A few months ago I moved from London to Cambridgeshire to take up a new job. For a variety of reasons the job did not work our and I find myself unemployed. the facility. I calculate the total costs of

Until recently the banking charges and services required by the electricity industry were negotiated by the Elec-tricity Council with the banks collectively. However, during the 1970s, the increases in paper banding costs attribut-able to inflation were not passed on because of the operation of price control regulations. Now that more realistic charges have been introduced, and individual electricity area boards are conducting their own negotiations with indivd-ual banks, some boards have chosen not so offer the credit transfer method of payment to have continued to offer the service as hitherto.

Mr Dougherty cites one area board's notice explaining the withdrawal of the service. The notice refers to a substantial charge made by the banks to electricity boards and points out that the consumer is able to pay his bill in cash at a Post Office, for which there is small charge. The benks' substantial charge, in fact, less then the "small" is less then the "small" charge for the sitemative means of payment suggested.

In fact his covering standing order, bank charges, if an looked upon as a ser receiving authority ter's cash and chequifacilities are saved is showroom space receives funds dire

bank account. Mr Dougherty is in assuming that he a credit slip at his ter for payment to it ity board's Giroban The arrangement debanks and National is for transfers of f customer's accoun to be made to the son's account with but not to some account In enswer to Mr I

last question, I have that if he were to hank's credit tran obtained from the c support, his bank v. the payment forward however, this assu his area board has ke collection account fo of payment. Your faithfully,

JOHN HUNSWORTH Director, Banking In Service, 10, Lombard Street, London EC3V 9AR. April 9.

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'great discipline'

the United Kingdom it would need "great discipline" in the months ahead to maintain

Solvency. Mr Tom Corrigan Chairman of puper could be experted.

While undoubtedly there

ties confronting British busi-Ress.

most production and distri-

survive for too long." Mr Corrigan gave warning that offers of uneconomically

monetary policies.

But if the recession gets

Similarly. Mr Lyle Gramley, a member of the President's Council of Economic Advisers

It is important that interest rates come down as soon as pos-

The Administration is consid-

He also told senators that he

similar attitude towards the timing of aid payments. Yours faithfully, PHILIP DE ZULUETA, Chairman, Antony Gibbs Holdings Ltd, 3 Frederick's Place, Old Jewry, London EC2R 8HD. April 11.



BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

RTZ shows its paces

ce houses are no longer quite animals they were in the late rly 1970s following the widen. interests, particularly into the

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ou would always draw this conthe way stockmarket sentiment ares dancing faithfully to the ine, as has been the case over ith with sharp falls following c levels prices were pushed up if the boom in gold and copper first quarter of this year.

hably the least exposed of the United Kingdom houses to a any one commodity with its metals interests and the of its industrial side over the ars. In the event the group with 1979 figures that more he strength of the shares. After

nt jump to £61.6m in the first ributable profits-always the ture at RTZ given the size of eholders in its major sub-second half has been almost eave attributable earnings up

bout a tenth higher than outs, already downgraded to take e dilution of its interest in CRA its issue, which combined with dividend increase of a quarter i pushed the shares 15p higher rday. Part of the discrepancy deferred tax treatment which 'ear's profits by £8.6m or some

the results from the quoted 'alabora, CRA and Rio Algom n. the surprises appear to have unquoted groups which now lmost half RTZ's profits.

: side produced same again round £30m despite worries tited States recession while in ingdom RTZ Industries was 27 ad. But the wild card appears Rossing where uranium prointo full swing in the second

coy about revealing its precise but it probably chipped in selping to offset a duller year still smarting from the loss of e Valley Authority uranium

ceptional first quarter already t, RTZ looks set for another is year though not of the same Yielding 55 per cent and haps 6 times prospective earn-res would look good value if shares had not had their day

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n the thick of the engineering Tent woes, Hawker Siddeley's s serback of 9 per cent to £108m llowing for the first-time contrin from Carlton Industries and Vestinghouse, the underlying was more like a fifth. And he Canadian operations lifted ution 50 per cent to £21.6m on booming railway equipment asic United Kingdom operations a awful time.

diesel business was particularly y the problems in Iran and a downturn of around £23m tile the engineering strike is iave cost some £7m. , however, held steady at 184p

n the view that despite the ok for engineers generally over years, the worst could be over wker is concerned. Order books up reasonably well, while some t can be expected in diesels after in moves last year. Without a ist year's strikes profits coulding to around the £120m mark for p/e of less than 8.

ng. a yield of 6.2 per cent hardly 4 market and nor did the revelaa strict CCA adjustment the ould be less than 11 times

But Hawker remains one of the few companies in the sector with the balance sheet strength and product spread to inspire genuine long-term confidence.

Burmah Oil After the recovery

It was pretty obvious at the interim stage. when Burmah paid its first dividend in five years, that the group was doing well-but not how well. In the event pre-tax profits are up from £17.13m to £67.34m; and while there is an exceptional £13m in that (relating to past provisions, now clawed back, against agreements with Pertamina and others), the signs are that this year's profits will be better still.

The improvement has come in several areas. First, the contribution from the Thistle stake is more than doubled, at £13m; and since Thistle has not yet reached its peak there will be more to come from this source over the coming two years. then the shipping losses (before allowing for recovery of the Percamina provisions) are down from just under 123m to 18.5mthanks to a reduction in the number of yessels (now down to 15), and better rates

in the tanker market last year.

In addition the contribution from Castrol and the other downstream activities is sharply improved, perhaps by as much as £15m, thanks to higher demand and better margins on the petrol station forecourts.

In the short-term a further improvement in shipping is unlikely, though the group is sufficiently confident about the future to but the emphasis now on employing the fleet, rather than getting rid of it. Moreover, Castrol and the other downstream activities may suffer a setback this year, as margins are squeezed. With more to come from Thistle, however, pre-tax profits are unlikely to fall short of £70m, and could be a lot higher. And the principal question for shareholders is what the group is going

to do with it.

A better than expected final dividendwhich puts the shares, at 222p, on a yield of 4.2 per cent—suggests that shareholders' short-term needs will not be neglected; but the longer-term future for the company is still somewhat obscure. Now that the excitement of recovery is out of the way, the shares are unlikely to go anywhere in particular until a new sense of direction is

W. H. Smith Non-trading

WH Smith has a knack of surprising the marker. As late as last November at the time of the interim figures it was suggesting that if Christmas trade was good the results for the full year would be good too. In fact the retailing side of the business would have done reasonably well in what was a tough year for retailers, but WH Smith came a cropper on non-trading activities and it is this that led to the pre-tax profits fall of 7.8 per cent to £18.6m on sales that rose 20 per cent to £571m,

Taking into account the increase in interest paid, property sales and foreign exchange losses the adverse turnaround is no less than £5.7m. Last March Smiths paid f12m for LCP Homecentres of which £8m was goodwill and while the company has done as well as expected with a £1.1m contribution to profits there was the inevitable fall in liquidity after such an acquisition. But Smiths is very pleased about moving into the do-it-yourself market

and expects good growth in the future.
On the retail side the two dark areas
have been the wholesaling division both here and in the United Stares, and records sales although the problems are being tackled apparently successfully.

Smiths has more going for it this year. Overall, while the rest of the retail trade going to go through a bad patch, Smiths should be bouncing back to around £22m-£23m. But it is a moot point whether the shares, down 13p yesterday, are going to find much following in the months ahead standing on a yield of only 4.4 per cent and a fully taxed p/e ratio of 13, if property

Economic notebook

When silence is an admission of guilt

I would very much like to have ment to be aiming for a move one of the Post Office's new in this direction? Here they electronic telephones. The Post Office would no doubt like to supply me with one and earn handsome returns on its investme with one and earn ment. Many investors would like to lend the Post Office or its successor, British Telecom-munications, the money to buy the equipment, It is a rrans-action which would make everybody happy, including the private sector companies who make the equipment.

But it is a transaction which will have to be delayed, if not for me then for many others. For the Post Office does not have enough money to back its commercial judgment on the likely expansion in demand for telecommunications services. And the Covernment's determination to impose a limit on the external finance which the Post has no way of getting it.

Frustration over the limit to commercial freedom which this implies groms to he one of the factors which led to the resignation as chairman of the Post Office of Sir William Barlow He is known to have argued limit this year was set so low as to interfere with the corinvestment programme.

Sir William's departure high-lights a much broader issue which lies at the heart of the doubts which have emerged in recent weeks over the Government's medium term strategy, however. It is the extraordinary assumptions which seem to have been made about the ability of these industries to transform their financial positions.

Last financial year the nationalized industries as a whole borrowed £1,900m from the Government. By 1983-4 they are expected to repay £550m That improvement is almost hulf the cut in total public spending over the period of the Government's plan.

There are three questions vhich need to be answered. achieve such an improvement? Should they do so? And does t make sense to treat their finances in the way that we up a very poor performance in trying to persuade us that the answer to the first question is

Let us assume for the moment that there is no revolt against the large increases in electricity and gas prices which are implied by the talk of economic pricing". Let us also assume that the energy industries do not face weakening demand as a response to higher

Losses

That still accounts for only 25 per cent of the improve-ment the Government is lookan elimination of the losses of industries such as British Steel, the railways and British Ship-builders. There are many arguments for believing that this cannot happen.

it would, for example, almost cartainly require huge cuts in the railway network. So far we have heard no sensible reasons for thinking that it could hap-pen. Instead, we have been told that the Treasury has carried out a dislogue with the indi-vidual industries but does not think it worth publishing debreakdowns of

This is a classic example of case where silence has to be taken as un admission of guilt. The Treasury really ought to be ashamed of its chapter on nationalized industries in the public spending White Paper and all the caveaus about great The planned improvement is

thus most unlikely to be achieved. But ought the Govern-

are entitled to rather more sym-

pathy than they seem to be getting from their critics. There really is no justification for not increasing the price of gas and electricity. Subsidising energy consumption, which g energy consumption, what a policy of not charging what a policy of not charging will rare the market will the full rate the market bear amounts to, is one of the most absurd subsidies imaginable. It would make far more sense to get as much revenue as possible from these indus-tries and to use the money to try to reduce inflation in other

The position for other industries is more complex. There is no fundamental reason why in-dustries such as steel should not, over time, cut their losses.

But it is necessary to realize just what is being said when cash limits of this kind are applied It is that if the state industries cannot raise the cash to finance their business, they have to cut their operations, possibly destroying the industry in the process. That is a risky way of running an arms length relationship with a nationalized industry.

Ir applies annual judgments which are tougher in many ways than those of the market place. And since the externa finance limits are to national ized industries what cash limits are to the Civil Service, there is precious little room for manoeuvre if things go wrong.

Barrier

Not all the industries owned by the state are loss-makers, however, and it is here that what seems a rather rough and ready means of imposing dis-cipline on the loss makers becomes a positive barrier to the sort of commercial judg-ment which the Government ought to be applying. Take an example from the energy industry, where we have been experiencing the effects of a

This unseasonal weather has led to a build-up of stocks of coal at the power stations and at the pitheads.

Is there really any justifica-tion for imposing cuts in the electricity investment pro-gramme if the cost of financing hese coni stocks for a few months risks breaching electricity industry's financial limit for a particular year? It is certainly an odd way of

running a business. Even odder is the notion that the propor-tion of the costs of building up our telephone network, which is covered by charges in any given year, should be deter-mined by a Treasury desire to bring down its estimate of the total public sector borrowing The trouble is that the

treatment of public many disparate elements. Borrowing to finance investment in telecommunications is like bor rowing to finance a chemical factory, not like running a deficit on the Government's current account or financing losses in shipbuilding.

The way to recognize this difference would be to do what has been considered before and allow those pationalized indus tries which can borrow in the open market for profitable ven-tures to do so and exclude them from the definition of PSBR which is the target for govern-

This does not mean that the borrowings of nationalized in-dustries do not matter or that they should be allowed to run unlimited losses. But a govern-ment which believes in the use of commercial judgment ough: to practice that belief and not hold back the development of vital industries to massage its own borrowing figures.

David Blake

How Japanese shipyards survived the 'oil shock'

At the Kure shipyard of Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy In-dustries (IHI) today workers will be laying the keel of a 69,000 tons deadweight oil

The quadrupling of oil prices in the early seventies dealt a double blow to Japan. Not only did it fuel domestic inflation. producing frenzied attempts to tie up supply contracts, but it also caused immense problems for the country's shipbuilding industry. IRI, together with the other

big shipbuilding groups in-cluding Mitsui, Mitsubishi and Sumitomo had previously played a key role in keeping down the cost of oil to the Western world developing ever larger rankers to transport it.

In the early seventies, the Japanese bad drawn up plans for the megaton ranker. The Kure ward was among the leaders and vessels five times the size of the tanker the group building for Dailyro is now building for Daikyo tankers were a common place. The "oil shock " changed all that. The ships in which the Japanese had specialized were Japanese and specialized write no longer wanted and the tanker market slumped under the weight of the tonnage which owners had ordered before 1973,

Peter Hill

restructuring has now been completed and despite the slump in orders from a peak level of 73.6 million tons gross in 1973 world-wide, to a mere 16.8 million tons last year, the much slimmed Japanese industry still managed to secure close on 50 per cent of the

The influx of orders has of course been helped by the way in which the yen has weakened against other currencies, especially the United States dollar. So attractive were the Japanese vards because of the exchange rate that total export contracts gained in the last fiscal year totalled almost 7 million tons gross.

The yards are heavily booked throughout next year and the much reduced capacity has meant that pressure is growing on capacity for ships delivered the following year. Such is the pressure that there are already rumblings of disquiet in Europe that this relatively buoyant state of affairs may lead to the vards urging the government to autput. The rationalization plan in-

volved 60 yards reducing their A big reorganization was in-evirable. To a large extent that end of February. That target

per cent of capacity was cut and thousands of workers have been redeployed to other work. Groupings of smaller yards have been encouraged and operating rates of the larger. yards have been trimmed using

the mechanism of Japan's antiwidely used in a number of other industries. The reorganization has gone. smoothly and earlier this month smoothly and earlier this month Japan's Fair Trade Commission approved a 12-month extension to the work of the Cartel beyond the original expry date of March next year. There is an air of cautious optimism about, but it is being tempered by an awareness of the grave effects of the present hour of inflation Japan's whole.

bout of inflation. Japan's whole-sale price index is 20 per cen? higher than a year ago which is the sharpest rise since the first "oil shock" six years ago. Workers in the shipbuilding industry are pondering the employers offer of a rise of about 6 per cent in the new wage round (which looks as though it will be accepted) and productivity improvements will be sought against the recent rises in electricity and steel prices which have risen by 50 per cent and between 10-12 per cent respectively.

Japan's shipyards may have

sailed through the storm of the past five years but it is still far from calm in the harbour.

Time to reform state industry appointments system

Mr Ron Dearing, whose appoint intensive service rather than ment to the Post Office has a manufacturing operation. been rather overshadowed by the chairman's resignation is one of several senior civil servants who have moved out of Whitehali recently. Only a month ago, Mr John Lippitt, who like Mr Dearing was a deputy secretary at the Department of Industry announced that he was going to GEC.

Nor is it by any means un-precedented for top civil servants to move to nationalized industries. Indeed Mr Alexander Currall who was menaging director (Posts) at the Post Office between 1972 and 1977 was a former under-secretary at the Board of Trade. Several former Ministry of

Power officials went to nationalized industries including Mr Owen Francis, a former chairman of the London Electricity Board, and Mr Alan Norris, the former chairman of the North Eastern Electricity Board. See Robert Marshall in 1978

became chairman of the National Water Council from his position as second permanent secretary at the Department of the Environment. Then, of course, there is Mr Michael Casey, the deputy chairman and chief executive of British Shipbuilders who moved from the Department of

Industry in 1977. However, it is questionable whether, in the present political industries are being required to become competitive, whether the transfer of civil servants to the helm of state boards is the best way of making a large slice of the national economy more efficient.

As any follower of the Yes Minister television series will have observed, Whitehall operates to rules which have little relevance to the business realities of making and selling things. Mr Dearing's appointment to

the Post Office is an exception. The postal division of the cor-poration never completed the change into an independent corporation in the 10 years since it ceased to be directly under the Civil Service umbrella. It provides a labour

comparatively investment requirements, its financial target is to break even

rather than to generate a profit. It is likely to be to everyone's benefit to have a chairman who not only knows the business (Mr Dearing has been responsible for the Post Office among other nationalized industries for the past four years) but who elso understands the Whitehall

Unfortunately, as Sir William Barlow's resignation and the highly publicized search for a successor to Sir Charles Villiers, chairman of British Steel, shows, there are great difficulties in getting able private businessmen to take on the restoralized industries. The the nationalized industries. The danger is that the appointment civil servants to the boards of state concerns may be the result of there being no other

The difficulties are not new, though it is surprising that they have come to a head under a government which has declared (and demonstrated) that it does not want to meddle in the day to day running of the state industries. As far back as 1974, Sir William Ryland was reappointed to the chair of the Post Office because the Department of Industry was unable to find a successor.

The Nationalized Industries' Chairmen's Group, which represents the heads of 22 public ector corporations and boards thinks that improvements are needed to the rather undigni-fied scramble for recruits. There are already signs that the Government is taking up their recommendations for more professional recruitment methods. It is now common practice for them to hire executive search organizations to augment the traditional "old boy network" approach. However, improvements in the recruiting arrangements will

only touch the surface of the problem. Sir William Barlow (who is one of the more out-spoken of the nationalized industry heads as well as chair-man of the group) said that there were a number of reasons

public sector. He summarized these as too many constraints, views are shared by many other businessmen who have turneddown state chairmanships.

The risk to personal reputation is probably the most important reason for the reluctence. It is very difficult for a state industry chairman to emerge with credit. As Sir William Barlow, an engineer, put it, the exposure is one of 360 degrees. The chairman of a state

monopoly is pilloried by con-sumers and government alike for increasing prices. Yet he is. equally censored if he does not at least balance his books. Healso has to run the gauntiet if the profits are too large (and may indeed be forced to hand them back to customers). The constraints of govern-ment-imposed cash limits makes

it nearly impossible to plan-long-term investment to im-prove the quality of service, yet a decline brings a storm of criticism, which as a clearly identified figurehead the chairman has to bear personally and defend publicly. The many constraints im-

more subtle than cash limits and financial targets, are irklarly if they are unused to the Whitehall rules. The procedure whereby a state chairman and his top management aides have to be publicly grilled regularly by members of Parliamentary Select Committees is discomforting to many newcomers.

Above all, there are the politically inspired changes of policy emendating from spon-John Heath said in the last annual lecture given by the Nationalised Industries' men's Group, the state as represented by the spousoring minister (who may have no business experience; does not regard its public enterprises "as a portfolio of businesses to be managed as a corporate activity ".

Patricia Tisdall

Business Diary: Boys' own jobs . Holiday boom

f Civil Service feet of Sir William Bar-tion from the Post there is no sign of

> gall, among many ghan, leader of the necause he was one ng lights in a plan industrialists into red heights of the

in power overrode from Whitehall's clons and the Civil ons to force through bich would, initially, the third highest in ; order, to outsiders. y way hitherto to ehall if one had not ter university was to one of the rare posts offered

the fact that the stary posts paid at £16,700, probably 0,000 less than the hich those the Govoped to attract might ed to receive in pritry, there was a large applicants.

of appointment were e sent out to at least mialists last summar posts were frozen by Conservative Governhe freeze has since where but not on the appointments which Service department ain "in suspension" Donoughue (sic),



Barlow-they've put the announcement in the post."

for the working of Government if people with outside experience, especially indus-trial experience, were able to producing a soft drink which trial experience, were able to come in at a higher level.

"I don't wish to knock the Service, I think it is a public service which should open to ability and experience outsid eof Whiteball, and should not be treated as a should not be treated as a shortly as a soft drink.

closed monastic order ". There are those who feel the plan may be resurrected, though it would be certain to meet stiff opposition once again from the highest levels

of the service. One of those involved in the negotiations — not initial Donoughue - said: Callaghan first came up with of the people closely the idea, the permanent secre-with the move, said taries rounded on him to a t: "It would be good man".

Canada Dry. the whollyowned Bass subsidiary, bas

tastes uncannily like lager. The firm has persuaded Bass to brew real lager and then public service which should be remove the alcohol content. The

> Though it will carry no duty, Barbicar will cost the same as lager because, says Canada Dry, of the expense involved in expunging the alcohol.

> Business Diary carried out a scientific test of the substance on the resident lager drunk at the column's club. Despite the lack of alcohol, he became giddy, rude and complained the following day of migraine. What

 Whatever's going to suffer as recession and inflation hit the British consumer's pocket this year it looks as if the package tour operators will finish up with a broad smile on

Package holiday bookings are up 10 per cent on last year's record figures, according to lvor Elms, president of the Association of British Travel Agents (Abta).

The bookings upsurge has surprised the trade which before the season started was cautiously forecasting a bookings increase of only a few percentage points. Over five million Britons last year went on overseas package holidays, a rather more than 2 per cent increase on the previous peak year of 1973.

The 30 top tour operators had a record 1979 turnover of £644m yielding the 6 per cent profitability which in recent years has become par for the Operators' course.

Sterling's strength obviously has a lot to do with the overseas holidays boom and United States is expected to attract over one million Britons. In Europe, Greece and Portugal are more popular this year than last, and Spain less

Bur ,where will this mass exodus overseas leave the tourist industry at home? Last year English hotels saw overnight sleepers fall to 44 per cent of the total accommodation available from 47 per cent in 1978. This scuson caravan holiday bookings are reported to be

There was a time when every American "B" movie featured an amateur inventor who be-lieved he had come up with a revolutionary version of the revolutionary version of the spanner which would sweep world markets. At this stage Business Diary

must cut to Hampstead in late 1978 where just such an in-ventor, Gerald Cooper, perfected the idea for a fibre opticassisted screwdriver. Cooper, however, is no cine matic creation. He has taken his brainchild around the counmy, secured a permanent show place at the Science Museum

Censington, and formed a manufacturing company. Shortly, the Arrowlice Afton will go on sale at around £7.75 retail through national multiples and street corner ironmongers, and he has secured orders from government departments and motor companies.

The screwdriver uses Pilkington fibre optics to carry light from a bulb in the handle to the tip and proves, says Cooper, the inventor still has a place in British industry.

and attracted interest from

While the West may argue about the value of President Carter, the man himself has no doubts. His net worth last year was \$893,304, he disclosed in Washington yesterday, com-pared with \$1,005,910 in 1978. The setback was caused not by Iran, Afghanistan, or that seesaw election campaign, but heavy losses from the family form and peanut warehouse at Plains, Georgia.

David Hewson

W. H. Smith & Son (Holdings) Limited. Results 1979/80.

	1979/80 £ Million	1978/79 £ Million
Sales	570.9	474.1
Trading profit Interest (payable)/receivable Associated companies—(losse	20.7 (2.1) es)	19.6 0.9 (0.3)
Profit before tax Taxation	18.6 4.9	20.2 2.4
Profit after taxation Extraordinary item – (loss)	13.7	17.8 (0.5)
Net profit	13.7	17.3
	Peră)p share
Earnings Dividends	16.2p . 4.2p	21.1p 3.133p

* Retail turnover increased by 21.0% and trading profit rose by £2,425,000 to

 Do-it-yourself turnover from the date of acquisition, 9 March 1979, was £14,835,000 with trading profit of £1,089,000.

Wholesale News and Magazines turnover increased by 14.30 and trading profit fell from £4,390,000 to £3,899,000. Wholesale Books turnover in the USA and UK increased by 10.8% but trading losses increased from £992.000 to £3,016,000.

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Objectives: to examine the impact on total company performance of manufacturing decisions, and to develop a framework for planned improvement in productivity and profit.

International Finance Programme June 8 to June 20, 1980

Objectives: to examine, in the context of the frighty uncertain international economic and financial environment of today, foreign exchange risk management, international banking and financial

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Time waits for no man.





FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Barrow Hepburn almost

doubles By Peter Wilson-Smith

Sharply lower interest charges were largely responsible for Barrow Hepburn's neardoubled profits in the year to December 31.

Net year-end borrowings were equal to only 4 per cent of shareholders' funds and with interest charges fallin gby £1m, pre-tax profits jumped from £1.57m to £3.04m.

Barrow also managed a 9 per cent improvement in operating profits to £2.99m with all the United Kingdom companies except the textile operations showing better results. associated companies in France and New Zealand turned in £158,000 more at £435,000.

Group turnover was only 4 per cent higher at £36.0m. Volume sales for the group were up but falling hide prices since last April depressed the value of sales.

Earnings per share bave risen from 2.73p to 7.87p and the gross dividend for 1979 is more than twice the previous year at 3.14p. At 35p-1p harder on the results—the yield is 9.0 per cent and the fully-taxed p. e ratio is 5.7.

Barrow says trading condition's worsened during the second half of 1979 but chief executive Mr Raymond Way says he is "not worried" about

Although still well-known for its links with the leather industry, Barrow has emerged from the restructuring and asset disposals of recent years with only just over a quarter of profits springing from leather repretations or hide trading.

In the United Kingdom,

Barrow has a wide spread of activities ranging from safety products and packaging to industrial rubber.

overseas companies, which account for half of group pre-tax profits, include Rizzi in Italy which makes machinery for the tanning industry.

Barrow will be looking for acquisitions to expand its present activities.

The demise of British Tanners Products, which was jointly owned with the National Enterprise Board and went into receivership last July, should not cost Barrow any more.

The reduction in borrowings during 1979 reflected both a positive cash-flow an dmonies received in settlement of Stock markets

US bank announcement gives gilts late sp

Afteer a cautious start generated by the military tension in the Middle East, when the FT Index slipped to 437.7, down O.1 at 11 am, the stock markets firmed and made progress. Gilts, which had opened slightly easier after the pre-

vious day's halt in recent advances, began to rally later on with the prospect of the new long tap stock to be rendered

Dealers reported that speculation surrounding oversub-scription for the tap had faded, but Government stocks received a sharp boost after hours with Chase Manhattan's announcement of a 1 per cent reduction in interest rates. This acted as a spur which enabled longs and shorts to close & better with half of the increase coming after the official close.

In equities, oils and proper-ties ma deheavy gains. The oil stocks benefited from news that BNOC is to raise its North Sea oil prices by about 35 cents a barrel, which prompted sharp advances in Lasmo. 15p up at 508p, and Tricentrol, up 10p at 304p. Properties saw investors returning to the trading shares in the hope of lower interest

By the close the FT Index had recovered to 443.1, 5.3 up, and after hours trading maintained the quietly firm pattern estab-lished in equities.

The leading industrials were buoyant all day. There was a tendency at lunchtime for a

Company
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Barrow Hepburn (F)
Berwick Timpo (F)

Burmah Off (F)
A. F. Bulgin (F)
I. J. Dewhirst (F)
John Finlan (F)

Hawker Siddeley (F) Holyrood Rubber (F)

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appeared in the afternoon.
Unilever was pulled up by
10p to 408p on the strength of its Dutech interests and dealers profits with a 31p jump to 33p. competition and a slump in saw good turnover in Glaxo, which reported on Monday with made a 15 fee trent earnings for stockpiling. interim figures, Beechams, on the back of suggestions that a substantial line of shares went through the market on Tuesday,

The mane towards lawer interest rates anticipated in the and strengthened pesterday by the cut in United States prime rates, should boost the shares of hire purchase groups like Lloyds and Scottish whose price was un-changed on the day at 141p:

and in Dualop. Glaxo finished 2p down at 216p, Beecham's 3p at 118p and Dualop closed un-

changed at 57p.

ICI gained 4p to 372p, Fisons
2p to 279p and Courtaulds rose 2p to 67p. Distillers put on 4p to 207p and Rank Enished with 2p gain to 198p.
A lengthy list of company

results also provided some features for the market with Rio, Tinto-Zinc leading the field with considerably better than expected figures, which helped push up the share price 15p to 378p. Burmah Oil advanced 7p to

222p after food results and a bigger than expected dividend while Hawker Siddeley went up

Latest results

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which is table are shown at of tax on peace per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross hasis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. *=loss. †=including special payment of 2.94p. ‡=net of dudes. \$=39 week. !=both figures net of tax.

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provement; gained 10p to 268p as did De La Rue at 675p and Bowater, which reported recently, moved up 4p to 186p. The Bristol Evening Post, which has closed down ove ra printing dispute, numbled 6p to 146p.

In stores W. H. Smith dropped 13p to 133p after a 71 per cent profits fall, while British Home Stores pushed ahead by 6p to 282p. Gus "A" closed 9p up at 393p and Boots benefited from investment in-terest in the sector by adding

NSS News lost 1p to 116p after UK Temperance and General Provident Institute had pushed its holding to 14.9 per

Electricals had a strong day although dealers reported this trading and the tendency was or investors to move into the leading stocks after seeing the second liners rise in the last few days.

GEC gained 5p to 384p. Decca ordinary shares rose 15p to 710p and the "A." shares by the same amount to 595p. Far-nell advanced 10p to 296p with United gaining 13p to 291p.

Brocks Group, whose results will be announced today, fell 9p to 43p on the news that there.

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2/6 1/7

The need for this dividend to

stay well covered will presum-

were struck after a steep rise in interest charges from £1.42m

Moreover, trade must be

lot tougher now. The group is

up against Permutit, which has more than half the British domestic water softener may

Schlesinger

Trident Insprance Group has been sold for an undisclosed sum by Schlesinger European

Investments to General Rein

surance-Corporation of Connecticut, the largest reinsurance

company in the United States and thought to be the third largest in the world

Trident, comprising the £85m unit-linked Trident Life and

Trident General, is one of the largest independent insurance

companies in the country. The initiative for the deal came from GRC, whose presence to date in the United Kingdom has

been confined to a London

Schlesingers were not only

attracted by the offer but also swayed by the general proposi-tion that the increasingly heavy

costs of running an insurance

company are more suited to a

big corporation than private

Trident executives are to

office for its reinsurance busi-

Trident

By Margaret Stone

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4p immediately after amouncing profits above market estimates; but closed unchanged at accounts for the bulk of the garth celebrated a return to group's business. Far Eastern In papers. Pertals, which small boats sales has produced made a 15 per cent earnings in

Property share price gains were in MEPC, which rose 6p no 209p, Great Portland, which

Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn shares are firm at 74p ahead of 1979 figures due in five days Against widespread estimates of profits of £15m to £15.5m Toser could come up with wound firm But of equal interest to City observers will be any clue to a cash call. The Wadham-Stringer acquisition last Decem-ber was for more than E25m and the group aiready had sub-stantial borrowings.

advanced by to 242p and Land Securities, which was 9p up at 316p Haslemers put on 6p to

With RTZ's results the feature of the day in mines, other stocks saw little trade although the angrovement in the gold price in the afternoon kept the shares steady, and provoked a short after hours rally.

Cons Gold dinished 2b better at 471p and Anglo American Gold put on \$1 to \$74, but Middle Wits-dipped 5c to 360c. Leslie was inchanged at 270c.

ant to venture with a in gold shares after t at the beginning of t In rubbers, Hongke by 43p to 658p after and Guthrie rallied 1.

Equity turnover fo was £84,195m (much gains 10,879). The n stocks, according to Telegraph, were Trio GEC, National W Lasmo, Beechams, Burman, Shell, Allied Boots, GKN, Racal an

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M. J. H. Nightingale & Co. Limited 27/28 Lovat Lane London EC3R8E8 ... Telephone 01-6 The Over-the-Counter Market

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109 88	Frank Horsell		7.9
			12.8 1
			16.5
70 45	Jackson Group		5.2
. 153 1113	James Burrough		7.2
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*Accounts prepared under provision of SSAP15.



Boddington Breweries Ltd

PROFITS

Results in brief Year to 31 December 1979 Profit before tax Profit after tax and

Dividend payments per share

in succession:
The Board is recommending a one-for-two bonuissue
Free trade salesmow account for 18% of total tra

this summer.

Increased expenditure is planned on the compar

Trade has been maintained in the opening weeks current year despite tighter money and higher

Annual General Meeting, Derby Snite, Midland Hotels, Manchester, 11,45 a.m., Thursday 8 May 1980.
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'(Manufacturers and reladers of quality shoes)

All divisions experienced a good year reports lan B Church, Chairman -

 Sales rose 22% to £29.3 million and pre profits increased by 20% to £3.1 million enabling us to increase the total divider

substantially. Despite increases in both leather prices. and VAT our U.K. manufacturing compar-

did well and much better profits were m in the U.S.A. and Canada. Although home trade orders for our

factories are down, export is good and business in our own shops is salistable We are therefore caudiously optimistic. about the year.

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FORE'S FIELD'S 23.32T 23.568	₩
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Copies of the Report and Accounts can be obtained from the Secretary,	70.00

Myson Group ends General Mining and Finance year with £2.1m **Corporation Limited** At first glance Myson Group, ably continue; pre-tex profits one of Britain's largest radiator and hearing companies did not

Extracts from the report to shareholders of the Chairman, Dr WJ de Villiers

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

FINANCIAL

The turnover of the group, including associated companies, amounted to R3,202 million.

Group income before taxation increased to R218 million and earnings per share at 235 cents represented an increase of 56 per cent. Since the adoption of a policy in

1971 of concentrating on strategic investments under the control and management of the group. carnings per share increased from 39 cents in 1972 to 235 cents in 1979 at a compounded growth rate of 29.3 per cent per annum.

UNION CORPORATION LIMITED

On 26 March 1980 a scheme of arrangement, as proposed by General Mining, was approved as a result of which Union Corporation became a wholly owned operating subsidiary. The activities of the two companies are complementary and they continue to retain their separate identities and organisation structures. Activities will, as in the past, only be rationalised where practical and if advantageous to the

group in general.

GOLD AND URANIUM The gold price received increased by 53 per cent during the year and as a result gold production again made a valuable contribution towards the Group's income. Investigations aimed at increasing gold production are in progress. The supply of experienced black labour at all the mines remained excellent. This made a significant contribution to a more stable labour force, a lower accident rate and better production efficiencies. The Chemwes plant for the extraction of uranium from the slimes dams of the Buffelsfontein and Stilfontein gold mines has been completed within budget and is producing at full capacity, four months ahead of schedule. The operation of this plant and the introduction of radio-metric sorting at West Rand Consolidated Mines resulted in an increase of 32 per cent in uranium production during the year. Production for the

coming year is expected to increase at a similar rate. The short-term uranium market has weakened but it is confidently expected that the position will improve in the longer term.

COAL

The coal tonnage sold by the Group increased by 10 per cent to 30.3 million. The main contributors were Matla Colliery and Ermelo Mines. The 11 per cent increase in February 1980 in the controlled price of coal supplied to the domestic market does not fully compensate for the cost increases experienced by the industry but there are indications of a strengthening of the international demand for thermal coal which could result in enhanced coal prices for South African suppliers, amongst others.

Certain reserves in the near Eastern Transvaal cannot be considered for on-site consumption by power stations until the completion of a comprehensive programme of environmental monitoring. These reserves may therefore have to be considered for other uses.

The results of exploration of the Northern Transvaal coalfield have been widely published. The two main features which have been established by exploration are that there are certain areas in which the concentration of uranium in or near the coal seams appears to be high enough to hold prospects for the economic recovery of uranium, and that the coal in this field is suitable for a wide variety of potential uses, particularly direct liquefaction to produce synthetic fuel which would probably yield more diesel than petrol. It must be emphasised that this project requires timeconsuming research and

investigation. **BASE MINERALS AND METALS**

The markets for the base minerals and metals produced by the Group were generally satisfactory and particularly for those commodities which relate to the world steel and aluminium supply/demand position. Buoyant conditions for both ensured a strong demand for

Copies of the Annual Report, including the Chairman's full statement, may be obtained from the Landon Office,

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fluorspar and manganese metal and the Group's resources were hard pressed to satisfy demand. particularly towards the year-end. Prices obtained for these products improved slowly throughout the year but the full effect of the improved demand will not be evident until the 1980 contracts have been negotiated. In regard to asbestos, the demand for chrysotile was satisfactory throughout the year and sales were limited only by production capabilities. In general the production costs of

all the base minerals were well contained within inflationary limits.

INDUSTRIES

The group's industrial companies again performed well. Although the general level of business activity is improving there is still little sign of significant increases in fixed investment which of course provide the main market for the group's heavy engineering and infrastructure based companies. The shortages of skilled labour referred to last year have become steadily more apparent, and the need for concentrated training schemes allied to selective immigration is now approaching the critical stage if the development of the country is not to be restricted. Substantial investment projects have recently been announced in respect of the manufacture of gear boxes and axles for heavy vehicles. Significant investments were taken up in Sentrachem and in Siemens S.A. Limited.

EXPLORATION Exploration continues to constitute a major activity of the Group and the viability of some ore bodies and coalfields discovered in recent years is being examined. Sustained geological and geophysical research during the past number of years had led to the identification of geological environments which warrant closer examination. Reconnaissance exploration is in

progress to determine whether more concentrated prospecting may be justified.

I. J. Dewhirst Holdings sup- once a year, and the tradition plies more than 90 per cent of its suits, jackets, trousers and blouses to Marks & Spencer, which did it no harm at all in the year to January 18. Sales rose by nearly 20 per cent to £18.26m and pre-tax profits surpassed the highest

tax down to 5219,000 against 5147,000 and carnings a share rose from 8.63p to 10.38p. The distribution policy

of one-for-three. Meanwhile, on the existing capital the dividend jumps 53 per cent to 1.8p a share net, or 2.57p gross.

Even so, this new dividend is still covered 5.77 times by earnings after actual tax, and by 3.08 times by earnings after hypothetical 52 per cent tax

charge. Kir Alistair J. Dewhirst, chairman. — whose grandfather began the association with Marks & Spencer — reports that sales so far this year are "a little ahead"

still basically a radiator business, and had a good first £2.25m. Myson has in fact checked in with £2.1m, against £1.42m—but this is after when quarter stocked radiators, in case steel ran short. That is over. The £347,000 of research and develgroup will presumably have no opment spending. The profits boom coincides with a change in accounting policy. All R and D engineering strike to cope with this year, but the housing marker is slowing down. The shares hardened ip to 71p. Bur Myson could benefit this is now written off against profits in the year it is year from a new range of water softeners made in America by Water Refining Inc of Ohio. Here it will come

Myson is in the harpy position to get a tax credit of £52.000 in place of a trivial 569,000 charge, so earnings a share jumped from 12.34p to 22.44p. The dividend rises by 4.01p to 5.43p.

do as well last year as the City hoped. Before the engineering

strike it looked as if Myson was

on the way to pro-tax profits of nearly £3m; and after it for

Coopers & Lybrand link sells with Cork

A new accountancy partner-ship, incorporating the insolv-ency specialists W K Cork Guily, and the insolvency division of Coopers & Lybrand, is to be set up in July and will be known as Cork Gully.

Sir Kenneth Cork, present senior partner of Cork Gully, will be senior partner of the

new firm, and will become a consultant to Coopers & Lybrand; and three other of Cork Gully's partners will become partners in Coopers.
Sir Kenneth, who is due to retire in 1983, said yesterday

that the arguments for the merger hinged on the conviction that "the future lies with the big battalions". He also said that a service specializing in rescue operations and insolvency was much more effec-tive if it had the services of a generalist firm to draw on. Mr David Hobson, senior

partner of Coppers, said that the move represented an attractive opportunity to expand the

I J Dewhirst rises 28 pc in peak year

hopes by advancing 28 per cent to £1.67m, easily a new record. Heavy spending on plant kept

equally pleasing. Since 1976 the group has had a script issue

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n Owen Berwick beats forecast An abnormally laccounts for more

at the centre of one of last year's most publicized company rows—produced better than forecast profits of \$1.52m before tax. This compared with £1.05m in 1978. Group sales in the year to December 31 rose by 28 per cent to £16.8m.

Berwick had forcess 114m profit last September in the context of the tempestuous struggle for control of the company which ended with incum-hent chairman Mr John Oakley -tax level earnings; narrowly defeating furmer chief 9m to \$2.5m on a executive Mr Torquil Norman. however, two of Mr Oakley's supporting directors were oussed and Berwick has made provision for compensation to one of them. Mr J. A. Stitt.

amounting to £65,000 gross.

The impetus behind the rise of profits came from the Bar.

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extraordinary debit. The cost of defending Mr Norman's challenge, included in the debit, was

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eperienced by manufacturers of diary products, and now have

a machine for preparing chick-ens ready for the supermarket

Portals is being guarded

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Mr John D. Oakley, chairman

Berwick Timpo.

An abnormally low tax charge accounts for more than doubled carnings to 25.2p a share. As forecast the year's dividend rises by three-quarters from 4.88p to 8.57p gross.

Berwick now comprises three profitable subsidiaries, which all raised profits in 1979, and have introduced new products for 1980. These, says Mr Oakley. have been well received by

Mr Oakley expects tough conditions for the toy industry as a whole in 1980 but says that orders are 11 per cent up in value. This represents some fail in volume but for the full year Mr Oakley expects volume to rise and he does not expect margins to suffer. margins to suffer.

However, Berwick's tax charge will be proportionately much higher in 1980 and so the group resees lower carnings per

Mr Norman still retains about 12 per cent of the equity. The shares rose 5p to 73p immediately after the results where the yield is 11.7 per cent. The p.e ratio on a notional full tax charge is 5.6.

Portals aims for growth in US

Portals Holdings, the water treatment, engineering and bank note paper making group earns the bulk of profits from the United Kingdom but sees growth this year in North America.

Aiready the security paper making side has benefited from large orders for travellers chaques from VISA, the indep-endant credit card company of which Barclays Bank is the leading member.

More profits should be on the way this year, although finance director Mr Simon Every says the contribution will not be large.

Elsewhere, North American

Singer & Friedlander tops £4m

Singer and Friedlander, the Accepting House part of the C. 1. Bowring group, has reported pretax profits for 1979 of £4.024m after transfer

to contingency reserves. This compares with £2.8m previously. The greater part of the increase comes from the transfer to profit of provisions for bad debts that are no longer needed.

about the profits from these. The chairman says that the current year has started well man, is setting higher targets for this year and the first three with a good level of volume One question mark on the months have matched his exfuture of Singer and Fried lander is what happens to its Accepting House status once its parent company, C. T. Bow-ring is taken over by the American Marsh and McLen-As a measure of confidence,

the group has raised the total gross dividende by around a fifth at 15.7p against 12.49p last time with a 9.64p final. Allied buys more

Albed Textiles yesterday in-creased its stake in Bradfordbased British Mohair Spinners by a further 100,000 shares,

market over the last few weeks. It amounced on Monday that it had passed the 5 per cent

Addied Textiles approached British Mohair lost autumn with a view to a merger, but was firmly rebuffed. The attraction of British Mohair is that it

Briefly

Cornell Oresses : Midland Bank (Oversess) nominees has increased ins stake from 8.8 to 9.72 per cent. Cornell passed the interim and paid an unchanged final divi-

Change of name: Stockbrokers, Change of name: Stockbrokers, Sandelson and Company announce that, as from May 12, the mame of the company will be changed to Bone. Fitzgerald and Co. Subject to consent of Stock Exchange Council the following will be appointed directors: Stephen M. Bright. Paul A. Graenslade, Abdrew J. Oliver, Paul T. Sotiriou, and Alaszair R. White.

Glamorganshire/Cardiff Glamorganshire/Cardiff Props:
Offer made on behalf of Glamorgan property company for Cardiff Provincial Properties has been declared unconditional. Acceptances ander offer have been received in respect of 3,801 shares in Cardiff (0.8 per cent). Glamorgan and persons acting in concert now control 236,757 shares in Cardiff (50.11 per cent). Offer will ramaid open for further acceptances und April 30.
ICI: Holders of a further 337 sl,000 bonds have exercised their right of conversion into ICI ordinary stock. Number of bonds now outstanding is 43,959, representing \$43,955,000.

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Kalemano : Interim of 1.78p gross (1.68p), partly to reduce disparity. Selest for 26 weeks to February 1 were 114.8m (27 weeks to February 1 were 114.8m (27 weeks to February 1). Pre-tax profit 22.05m (122.09m). Despite encouraging signs from oversess, board feels company will have done well if final results equal last year's record performance.

Horizon travel: Chairman says that indications are that trade bookings for next summer are up again significantly, with the company taking yet again an increased share of the market. The new long-term security in having swallable economic and efficient sircraft, together with a direct profif contribution from Orion, should strengthen the steady expansion which company has enjoyed for some years.

Leigh Interests: In response to issue by way of rights to ordinery shareholders of £1.8m nominal of 10 per cost convertible unscured lost stock 1984-85, £1.1m nominal (60.4 per cent had been taken up by April 11. £100,000 nominal has been sold in the market at nominal premium and proceeds will be distributed pro rata among the provisional allottees of the stock not taken up.

Anit and Wiborg: Chairman says that it is difficult to make firm forecast for year, but given a reasonable trading environment he is sure of the combined development of company's business. Accounts show a pretax profit of £1.41m (£2.17m).

Moss Engineering has acquired materials handling specialists A. Meads, based at Cannock, Smffordshire, for £270,000. Up to £50,000 more is payable provided aggregate pretax profits exceed £200,000 for the two years ending August 31, 1982.

Net assets of Meads at November 30, 1979 were £314,074 and net profit before tax was £58,648.

AVERAGE EARNINGS The following are the index numbers for average earnings of employees in all industries and services covered by the mosthly asimings inquity released by the Department of Employment.

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Scottish Widows investment policy brings improved results for policyholders

The 166th Stated Annual Meeting of the Scottish Widows' Fund and Life Assurance Society will be held at 15 Dalkeith Read,

The following are extracts from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr E H M Clutterbuck, OBE, published in advance of the meet

NEW BUSINESS I am pleased to report another new business record for the group, including the Society and its subsidiary Pensions Management (SWF) Ltd, with new annual premiums higher by 6% at £41.0M following the 71% increase in 1978 and new single premiums (including subscriptions to the Society's Exempt Unit Trust Scheme) higher by 14% at £31.3M. For the Society new sums assured at £751 M were 3% lower than in 1978 and annuities (mainly deferred annuities in connection with pension schemes) at £198M were 4%

Edinburgh at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 6th May 1980.

There was a greatly reduced level of activity in new group pension schemes compared with 1978 when decisions were required on whether ar not to contract out of the State scheme. However, there was a substantial increase in benefits for members of existing schemes as a result of high salary settlements. The introduction of a new with profits single premium contract for the self-employed in the latter part of the year had a modest effect on new premium income in 1979 but should be reflected in increased business during the important first quarter of 1980. Difficulties in the house purchase market were a major factor in reducing annual premiums for ordinary business by 11% following last year's 23% increase. The rise in house prices during the year against a background of reduced Building Society activity led to greater use of top-up mortgage funds provided by other sources. We view this development in the house purchase market as a long-term one and we therefore entered the top-up field at the beginning of 1980.

For Pensions Management (SWF) Ltd new annual and single premiums were £14.8M and £17.7M respectively compared with £12.5M and £12.7M in 1978,

PENSIONS BUSINESS As I mantioned last year many of the schemes insured with the Society arranged to contract-out of the additional earnings-related component of the State scheme and this has continued to involve the efforts of a considerable number of our staff in preparing final documentation and oltering administrative procedures. Statutory time limits have again been affecting our work, with April 1980 being the limit for various changes of which the most important is that all our older schemes have to be altered to satisfy the "New Code" of Inland Revenue approval established by the Finance Act 1970.

It seems that the Government may have no immediate intention of introducing major legislation affecting pensions schemes. This will be a welcome respite after a very busy decade and will enable us to concentrate on advising employers on new and improved benefits and ensuring that our service does not fall from the high standards we set:

There has recently been publicity on the possibility of the directors of a company setting up pension arrangements for themselves under which half of the contributions are invested back with the company, While such a scheme may perhaps be appropriate in very special circumstances, self-investment of this kind and on this scale is normally undesirable as it puts at unacceptable risk the longer-term financial security not only of the directors but also of their dependants, and is contrary to what has until now been accepted as being responsible practice by trustees. We shall be concentrating an pointing out the advantages of security and on the efficient administration of the wide range of pension contracts we offer.

INVESTMENT Our investment activities in 1979 were corried out against a world background dominated by events in the Middle East. Substantial increases in oil prices led governments to introduce restrictive measures to control inflation and as a result short-term interest rates rose to record levels in the United Kinadom and the United States. The concern over future oil prices and oil supply resulted in a firm pound as the benefits to the United Kingdom of North Sea oil were perceived. Whereas in this sense the United Kingdom remains in a relatively favourable position, it is nevertheless a source of concern that our balance of payments was again in substantial deficit last year despite considerable additional production from the North Sea.

In the United Kingdom after early weakness in the prices of fixed interest securities in reaction to the road hauliers' dispute, prices of both ordinary shares and fixed interest stacks rose strongly ahead of the general election in anticipation of a change in Government. While the early actions of the new Government were consistent with a welcome commitment to firm financial discipline, it was clear that the problems confronting the UK aconomy could not be resolved in a few months and in particular that a more restrictive monetary policy must initially mean higher interest rates and that a continuing strong pound when domestic costs were rising rapidly would lead to severe pressure on company profitability. After the election security prices fell steadily and by the end of the year prices of ordinary shares as measured by the FT-Actuaries' Index were little changed from levels a year earlier although prices of long-dated fixed interest stocks were lower with yields rising from 13% to nearly 15%.

For the first half of the year the greater part of our new investment was in British Government stocks but later, as prices fell, an increasing proportion of our new investment was made in ordinary shares.

We walcomed during the year the final removal by the Bank of England of all remaining exchange control regulations restricting overseas investment. As a direct result of the disappearance of the dollar premium there was a fall in the sterling value of overseas investments financed with investment currency. However, during the past few years most of our new investment overseas had been financed by dollar loans and the value of the investments thus acquired was not affected. Also, the operation which I mentioned in my statement last year as a result of which we effectively sold the dollar premium and refinanced the investments through loans has turned out very well. The removal of exchange controls has reduced the cost and complexity of investing overseas and the opportunity was taken in the last few months of the year to invest abroad.

A total of £145M became available for investment by the Society in 1979 and with short-term deposits being reduced by £6M a total of £151 M was placed in new investments. Of this £120M was invested in British Government securities, £24M in UK ordinary shares, and £6M in US common stocks, while net purchases of other investments totalled

REVENUE ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEETS The consolidated balance sheet shows that the ordinary long-term insurance funds, including Pensions Management (SWF) Ltd, now exceed £1,286M, an addition of £197M compared with £156M in the previous year. The total income includes annual premiums which now exceed £160M, and investment income of £133M. In 1978 the investment income amounted to £100M, and the substantial increase is due to increases in equity dividends and continuing high yields on British Government securities. The increase in expenses of management in 1979 (£2M) is the same as in 1978. The continued upward trend in living costs has, however, necessitated the payment of higher solaries to the staff, the full effect of which will be felt in 1980. The Society makes every effort to achieve economies and thus to contain expenses as far as possible:

BONUS RATES A detailed investigation of the Society's position was made last year and as a result the Directors have been able to increase our rates of intermediate bonus yet again. As from 1 st January 1980 the rate of intermediate bonus for ordinary with profits policies was increased from 4.70% to 4.90% per annum compound and that for with profits policies in our pension business fund from 5.50% to 5.80%. At the same time the rates of bonus used to illustrate future benefits were similarly increased. Last year we increased the terminal bonuses available on claims ansing during the second half of 1979, particularly for the shorter-term contracts, and we have been able to do so again for the first half of 1980.

I mentioned last year that a review in Planned Savings showed that a with profits whole life policy on the life of a man aged 30 effected with the Society on 1st April 1938 subject to an annual premium of £100 produced a claim value 40 years later of £19,169, the highest figure any office. A year later the 40-year claim value had increased to £19,867, and in April 1980 the corresponding figure will be £20,688. There have been relatively bigger improvements for shorter-term contracts. For a 25-year with profits endowment assurance on the life of a man aged 30 effected with the Society on 1st April 1953 subject to an annual premium of £100 the maturity value in 1978 was £6,656. For a similar policy maturing in 1979 it had risen to £6,923 and the corresponding figure for 1980 will be £7,279.

No firm judgment can be made on the relative merits of the with profits policies of different offices on the basis of new business illustrations, without knowing the assumptions required if the bonus rates illustrated are to be maintained, and it is not surprising that life offices do not provide this information in view of the complexity of the calculations and the number of variables involved. Past results are a better quide. yet many with profits policies appear to be sold on the basis of new business quatotions alone.

PROPOSED NEW ACT OF PARLIAMENT A Special Meeting of members held on 5th February passed unanimously a resolution approving the promotion of the Bill now before Parliament and at that meeting an explanation was given of some of the reasons behind the promotion of a new Act.

The Bill is going through the Parliamentary processes of first and second readings, committee stages and so on in both Houses in much the same way as a public Bill and, all being well, it is haped that it will receive the Royal Assent and become our new Act in late summer or early

LEGISLATION I mentioned last year two items of legislation which were about to be introduced. The first was the scheme whereby with effect from 6th April 1979 life assurance premium relief was to be deducted from eligible premiums by policyholders resident in the UK, and this scheme is now fully operational. With the need to reduce Government spending there has been much tolk about the possible withdrawal of various reliefs, including life assurance premium relief. We believe that the life offices' associations have made a strong case to the Treasury for the retention of this relief. This case rests on the unique opportunity which life assurance offers to the individual to protect and provide for his family rather than rely entirely on the State. and the benefit to the national economy of encouraging a regular flow of long-term contractual savings available for investment, features which are recognised in many countries of the world, in particular all the EEC member states, by the granting of appropriate tax incentives. We do, however, deprecate the use of artificial contracts which exploit life assurance premium relief, for example by transferring part of the teserve from one contract to another in order to avoid the "clawback" of premium relief when a qualifying policy is surrendered, and we were glad to learn that the Government means to introduce legislation to

I also referred last year to the "cooling-off" period which applies to most new contracts issued from 1 st January 1980. The Society is issuing the Statutory Natices advising a policyholder of his rights as soon as the first premium is paid or a valid banker's order is received. I am glad to report that these arrangements are working smoothly and that we have received very few notices of cancellation.

Hardly a year goes by without some new legislation being introduced, and 1980 is no exception. In January new regulations were made which for accounting years starting on or after 1st January 1981 will materially change the amount and type of information which has to be given to the Department of Trade yearly and after bonus declarations. It is possible that this will make it easier for the Department to recognise a company which is getting into difficulties, but it is unfortunate that it will increase the work of all offices including those whose security is beyond question.

In the autumn we also expect to see legislation in connection with the EEC Life Directive, the purpose of which is to facilitate the freedom to write life assurance business in another member state in the EEC through a branch or agency by co-ordinating certain measures of supervision in the member states.

FUTURE OUTLOOK Economic forecasters seem generally agreed that 1980 will be a year of comparatively sluggish business activity throughout the world and that the United Kingdom will be no exception: it would be difficult to disagree. Such years can, however, be turned into years of opportunity. For companies like ours, opportunity for careful examination and reappraisal of our existing practices and methods with a view to further improving our efficiency, and opportunity to prepare and plan for expansion when recovery comes. For the country as a whole, a year to tackle basic problems of inflation and high Government spending, low productivity and wasteful practices, and poor relations between so many managements and

Often in recent years my predecessors and I have spoken of the excellent prospects awaiting the United Kingdom if only we could grasp the opportunities. I hope that in twelve months' time I shall be able to point to firm signs of improvement not only in business prospects but also in the fundamentals of our economy. Wholever happens we are determined, and shall work hard to ensure, that the Society continues to flourish and prosper.



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ANNOUNCEMENT **Brit Mohair**

bringing its holding to 5.87 per

Allied has been buying British Mohair shares in the

Allied Textile's chairman Mr Russel Smith said yesterday that the depressed ratings in the textiles sector had thrown up a number of interesting situations, and the stake in British Mobair "gives us a foot-hold from which we can

tion of British Mohair is that it is one of the world's largest spinuers of high-quality mohair yarns and the group is a big exporter. Profits fell by 46 percent to 11.52m pre-tax in 1979 because of dire grading conditions.

Yesterday, British Mohair claimed ignorance of Allied's mortuse.

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Wool forecast lowered

lowered its fourth forecast of Australian wool exports in the 1979-1980 season, to June 30, to 671m kilos greasy equivalent from its third forecast of 708m. This compares with 1978-1979

Australian wool prices are expected to average about 390 cents a kijo clean, reflecting a moderate decline from the 414 cents seen earlier this month. In the first nine months of the current season,

This compares with 1978-1979 cxports of 708m kilos, the bureau said in its fourth 1979-1980 Trends in Australian Assicultural Commodities quarterly prepared in March.

Exports are expected to drop in the current season because the total availability of Australian wool in 1979-1980 is some 8 per cent above 1978-1979.

The bureau made no mention of the recent wool industry storemen's dispute which severely 1979's output of 3.99m.

Discount market

Money seeking reserve asset status for the banks' third-Wednesday make-up enabled discount houses to pick up some cheap balances at the start of the day yesterday. This was taken on the hooks at rates between 15 per cent and 16 per cent.

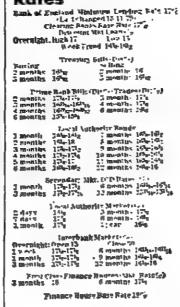
cent and 16 per cent.

Later, once the hanks had established necessary positions for the regular monthly official vetting, funds in the discount market ran dry. This coincided with indications that another pretty hefty shortage was likely on the day and with interbank rates that started to rise quite smartly. As interbank moved on heyond 17 per cent, and eventually hit 30 per cent in the afternoon, the discount market stayed very quiet.

afternoon, the discount market stayed very quiet.

Many houses, however, had already taken on two and three day money on Tuesday, anticipating difficulties towards the cud of the week, so the help they needed from the Bank of England was more modest than of late.

Money Market Rates



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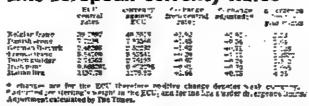
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Options

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dealers pointed out that a new October option 330 pence series would be introduced today. The share price was 8p up at 316p. Commission changes are also due to be implemented at the The traded options market end of this month, which inhad a busy day with a total of 1392 contracts traded. There clude a reduction in the clear-ing fee from \$2.75 to \$1.50 and were 358 the previous day.

Land Securities were well

ahead with 671 contracts and

investors may also aggregate for five days instead of for the present three.

Wall Street

New York, April 16.—Shares staged a broad advance in heavy trading this morning following a cut in the prime rate to 193 per cent from 20 per cent by Chase Manhattan Bank.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose by nine points and advances outnumbered declines by mine-to-two on a turnover of eight million shares. Stocks sensitive to interest rates led the advance. American Telephone jumped \$14 to \$511. Texas Utilities \$\frac{1}{2}\$ to \$173. Federal National Mortsage \$11 to Federal National Mortgage S14 to \$13 \(\) Commonwealth Edison S2 to \$20\(\) and Middle South Utilities \$\(\) to \$12\(\).

On Tuesday the market drifted lower in light trading led by defence and computer stocks as investors waited for a clear sign that interest rates have peaked.

The Wall Street and Canadian The Wall Street and Canadian stock prices given in the table relate to Tuesday's close. Later publication is caused by the change to British Summer Time. This will continue until Eastern Daylight Time begins in the United States.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 1.54 points to 783.36 on trading in over 27 million shares. Declines led advances eight to

Analysts said that with the interest rate picture clouded and opinion divided on how severe the expected recession will be, investors were content to sit on the sidelines for a while. Early in the session, the market firmed on news of a 0.8 per cent drop in March industrial producfrom after an 0.2 per cent fall in February. Later is the day, Ford. Motor aenounced plans for plant closings that would put 13,000 em-ployees out of work.

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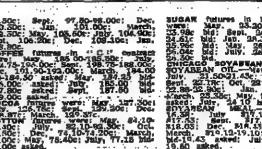
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Mr Stanley Field, chairman of William Baird.

News of the sale accompanied Baird's full-time results for last year, which show a 43 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to 57.8m on a 17 per cent turnover boost to £136m.

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At the operating level, the business market from biggest increase came from investments, which jumped from £459,000 to £1.5m. Tevilles increased from £4m to £5.4m. and the industrial group, Durchem, continued to earn major profits from insulation major profits from insulation contracting lifting its operating profit from 12.1m to 12.46m.

The Textile result included a 1370,000 contribution from Wilfred Verber which Baird hought last July. In its last full year before acquisition profits were 1801,000.

Baird is will on the lookout

Baird is still on the lookout for new acquisitions, although Mr Field says there is no rush. Farlier this week it bought Spiro Household Textiles. The buys are being financed from the \$13.8m Baird received. in Dawson International. With 113,25m of that money deposits and other immediately realiz-

able assets exceeded total debt by \$4.4m. Mr Field says the first three months of this year have topped the same period in 1979, although at that time, "we had cent on the figures to 17.5p said.

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Downiebrae Holdings tops £500.000

Pretax profits at Downiebrae Holdings increased in 1979 to £540,000 from £430,000 the year hefore on turnover up from £5.1m to £5.9m. The company is paying a gross dividend of 4.28p, against 3.87p in 1978, Earnings per share on trading profit were 5.75p (4.72p), and after adjustment for deferred tax were

early figures for the current year are encouraging.

with United Leasing

Hogg Robinson Group has announced the formation of a joint company with United Leasing which will extend Hogg's existing equipment leas-ing business into operational

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William Sindall down 48 pc a year-end

William Sindall, the building and civil engineering contrac-tor, recorded a 48 per cent drop in pretax profits to £218,000 in 1979. Group turnover fell from £21.0m to £20.5m.

Earnings per 25p share were 10.1p compared with 19.7p. The group is paying a gross dividend of 6.43p against 6.39p in 1978. Profit was struck after a 14 per cent rise in the depreciation charge to £252,000.

London brokers in Eurobond link

Societe Generale, one of France's leading clearing banks, and London stockbrokers, Strauss Turnbull & Co. yester-day confirmed that they are Strauss Turnbull & Co, yesterday confirmed that they are launching a joint company to trade in the secondary Eurobond market. It is expected that the new company, to be known as Societe Generale Strauss Turnbull (SGST), will being operations in June. Societe Generale is a nationalised bank and is the fifth largest commercial bank in Europe and the seventh in the world.

Business appointments

Director insurance group

Mr J. R. Crickmay has been reprinted a director of the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office. Mr F. H. Richards has been made, chairman and managing director of Glanvill Enthoven (Home), Mr D. W. Andrew, deputy chairman of Glanvill Enthoven (Home) has assumed responsibility for the companies United Kingdom locations outside London.

Mr Peter Farrell, who is at present financial director of Newalls Insulation is to succeed Mr Brian Heggie, who is retiring, as financial director of British Industrial Plastics. Mr Dudley Barker, has been made finance Barker has been made finance director of Newalls Insulation, Mr Mark Konig and Mr Tony Vincent have joined the board of directors of Maranello Concession-

Mr Norman Albert Bonham-Cartor has joined the board of Alben Trusi Managers. Mr Martin Truscott has become managing director of Hotelplan. Mr Hugh Henry has been made chief executive and general manager of Swans and will remain a director of Hotelplan.

Mr Ian V. Lockwood has joined the board of Amalgamated Dis-tiled Products.

St Regis paper tops \$46m Mr M. G. Wilcox has become deputy chairman of the Thomas Cook Group. profits of business. of the company's Commenting on the outlook for the balance of 1980, Mr Haselton indicated a degree of \$2.52m, against losses of caution despite St Regis's good performance in the company's for the balance of 1980, Mr Haselton indicated a degree of \$2.52m, against losses of caution despite St Regis's good performance in the company's for the balance of 1980, Mr Haselton indicated a degree of \$2.52m, against losses of caution despite St Regis's good performance in the company's for the balance of 1980, Mr Haselton indicated a degree of \$134,000 in the first quarter of performance in the company's for the balance of 1980, Mr Haselton indicated a degree of caution despite St Regis's good performance in the company's for the balance of 1980, Mr Haselton indicated a degree of caution despite St Regis's good performance in the company's for the balance of 1980, Mr Haselton indicated a degree of caution despite St Regis's good performance in the company's for the balance of 1980, Mr Haselton indicated a degree of caution despite St Regis's good performance in the company's for the balance of caution despite St Regis's good performance in the company's for the balance of caution despite St Regis's good performance in the company's for the balance of caution despite St Regis's good performance in the company's for the balance of caution despite St Regis's good performance in the company's for the balance of caution despite St Regis's good performance in the company's for the balance of caution despite St Regis's good performance in the company's for the balance of caution despite St Regis's good performance in the company's for the balance of caution despite St Regis's good performance in the company of the caution despite St Regis's good performance in the caution despite St Regis's good performance

Cook Group.

Air David J. Archer, has been appointed production director of Standard and Pochin.

Air Normau Purnell has become group financial director of Stag Furniture Holdings.

Mr Michael B. Edwards has joined the CompAir Group as director of organization development.

ment.

Mr Alistair Young has been appointed a director of Capper Neill International (Process), in the Capper Neill International

Division.

Mr Malcolm W. Wondhams has joined the board of Gliksten Doors as sales and marketing director.

Mr Ron Bartlett has become senior director of the Amey Roadstone Corporation and Mr Eric Hope has been appointed a director.

Mr Martin Moss has been reappointed managing director of
Simpson (Piccadilly).

Mr Robin J. Lipscombe has hecome managing director of the
Varanno Rubber Company (UK).

Mr J. C. Clements has become
chairman and Mr R. C. Allardyce
has become managing director of
Glanvill Enthoven. Mr A. E.
Holroyd, Mr P. Kirkman and Mr
J. J. P. Toomey have become
directors.

Nixdorf sales up 20 pc in first quarter Nixdorf Computer recored sales growth of 20 per cent in the first quarter of 1980 and thopes to maintain this level of expansion for the whole year, the company said in Hanover.

It said domestic group capital investment in 1979 was DM88m

(£20.3m) in West Germany, and profit was DM23.4m (DM33.1m) of DM725m in the company and profit was DM23.4m (DM33.1m) of DM725m.

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The world group order book at end-1979 stood at DM915m, against DM742m a year earlier.

A divident of DM8 (DM7.50) has been proposed.

Bank America quarterly profits rise

BankAmerica Corp President Mr A. W. Clausen attributed the company's first quarter growth in income to continued increases in the volume of carning assets.

offset by a declining net interest margin as the cost of funding those avets increased at a faster rate than the revenues generated.

had been the significant factor Mixed outlook for Bougainville

The volatile nature of metal

markets was again illustrated

in the early months of this

year and the prospects for the

rest of the year were probably

for lower prices than those that prevailed in the first quar-

ter, Mr D. C. Vernon, chairman of Bougainville Copper, told

the annual meeting.

However, he said, in the longer term the consensus seemed to be that the major

economie: would continue to crow, although with continu-ing short-term fluctuations.

Demand for metals, including copper, was therefore expected

Mr William R. Haselton, president and chief executive, said St Regis benefited from a

business of Saba, its West Ger-man subsidiary and Videon, a French television component

manufacturing subsidiary, to

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make earnings gains increasingly difficult, he said. BankAmerica reported first quarter earnings of 5134.5m. against 5129.2m in the com-

said St Regis benefited from a pany's major capital expansion high rate of shipments in most programme began.

However, he said the growth past several qualters the in assets was to a large extent federal credit restraints would

Because gains in asset volume parable period a year earlier, and been the significant factor Net earnings a share were 92 cents, up from 88 cents.

" Metal prices will need to

at least maintain their present levels in real terms and prob-ably increase if additional world capacity is to be brought

on-stream to meet this in-creased demand by the middle

"Whatever the vagaries of

the metal markers, Bougain-ville Copper faces several pro-blems which will require concerted attention. Head-grades are declining, and the effects of inflation upon

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Gen Telephone's first-quarter tumble

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(\$49,800m), deposits at \$82,600m (\$71,300m) and assets at S102,900m (591,300m).

Wells Fargo steady

Wells Fargo and Company has reported that its earnings for the first quarter of 1980 were 530.5m, or \$1.33 a share, com-pared with \$29.9m, or \$1.33 a share, in the first quarter of

Mr Richard P. Cooley, chair-man and chief executive, said

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which the company is likely to face in the future will be the shortage in supply of labour with mining related skills from Australia and Papua New Guinea.

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Merrill Lynch

Merrill Lynch and Co said commission volume nearly doubled in the first quarter. First quarter net was up 78 per cent to \$35.1m, or 97 cents share, on a 58.5 per cent gain in revenues to \$694.3m.

paid on deposits and for pur-chased funds was offset by higher income from interest and

He said that in response to

credit restrictions imposed by

the Administration and the Federal Reserve, Wells Fargo

had increased the standards

under which individuals and

duality for most types of loans, and was committed not to exceed the Federal Reserve guide

or supplement oil. Conveyor haulage of waste as a means of reducing dependence on diesel fuel is also being investigated. Merrill Lynch said New York Stock Exchange volume soared to a record quarterly average of 47.1m shares daily, up from 27.6m a year ago. of a number of mining and metallurgical projects in the Pacific region, another problem which the company is likely to

Merrill Lynch said its investment banking revenues rose sharply in the quarter as a result of substantial gains in corporate and bond fund underwritings.

Insurance revenues continued to grow from gains by its Family Life Insurance subsidiary and the addition of AMIC Corp, acquired in February, 1979.

Interest revenues rose sharply during the first quarter, reflecting soaring interest rates. However, these gains were off-set somewhat by a substantial rise in interest expenses, it added.

Man Hanover

Manufacturers Hanover Corporation reported record quarterly operating earnings of \$56.7m for the first three months of 1980, up 11.0 per cent from \$51.1m in the first quarter last year. On a per share basis, first quarter earnings were \$1.70, up from \$1.56 a year ago. Higher net interest income as

General Telephone and Electronics' first-quarter net profit shaped to \$65.06m (about tronics businesses outside the £30m), after a charge of \$85m (about tronics businesses outside the £30m), after a charge of \$85m (about tronics businesses outside the United States to net realizeable value. Those two actions resulted in a total charge to first quarter 1980 earnings of \$85m (about tronics businesses outside the two instalments in June 1980 and 1981.

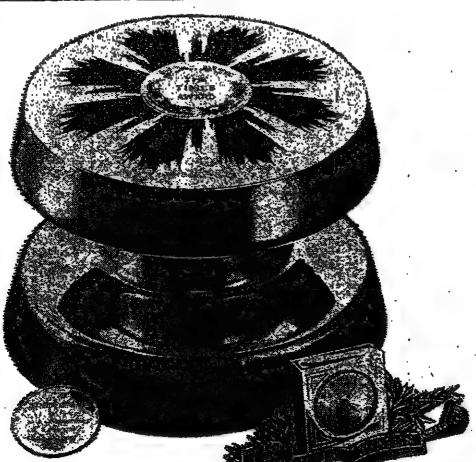
The order permits GTE California 4, GTE signed contracts quarter 1980 earnings of \$85m (about two instalments in June 1980 and 1981.

The order permits GTE California to continue to collect revenue under existing tariffs, subject to possible refund. well as a significant rise in other operating income were principal factors behind the improvement. Net interest income, on a taxable equivalent On Feb 13, the California litigation with the IRS on the Public Utilities Commission question of eligibilities. basis, rose to \$285.1m, up 10.9 per cent from \$257.1m a year The increase resulted from

a rise in domestic and foreign loan volume large chough to offset a decline in the spread between the cost of purchased funds and the rate earned on assets.

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Scope of 'subject to contract' formula

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Temple-man and Lord Justice Watkins. [Judgments delivered April 15] The words "subject to con-tract" inserted in correspondence

at the start of negotiations for the sale of property condinue through-out all subsequent negotiations miless the parties expressly agree that they should be expunged or such an agreement is necessarily to be implied.

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by plaintiffs, Mr John Penn Sherbrooke and Mr John Vincent Armstrong, the executors of the estate of Miss Andrey Gwendoline
Dennison Hargreaves, deceased,
from the order of Judge Pennant
at Poole County Court on July 24.
1978, that they should convey to
the defendants, Mr David James
Ernest Dipple and his wife, Mrs
Diane Dipple, of Corfe Mullen,
Dorset, a triangle of some 700
square yards of land adjoining
Knoll Cottage, Corfe Mullen.
Mr Stephen Parish foo the
plaintiffs; Mr Peter Towler for
the defendants. Miss Andrey Gwendoline

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that Miss Hargreaves had owned Knoll Cottage, which had nearly an acre of garden. She had a domestic help whose daughter

was married to Mr Dipple. In 1973 Miss Hargroaves let the defendants have the triangular piece of laud at the far corner of the garden as a site for their cararan as they then had no house. The local authority did not like that and served an enforcement notice for the removal of the

Miss Hargreaves died in September, 1974, whereupon the plaintiffs, as her executors, had become the owners of the property which Miss Hargreaves had left to Miss Angels Cornells Nathalie Dorothea Baines, the sole legatec. The Dipples wanted to buy the triangular strip of land. Miss Baines was prepared to negotiate and the souter was left in the hands of the executors.

Mr Sherbrooke, who had been the family solicitor of Miss Hargreaves, had written to Mr Dipple on January 22, 1975, saying that he had been instructed to offer the strip to Mr Dipple for £200, and asking for a reply by the end of the month whether the "offer which is subject to contract is acceptable". Mr Dipple did not find the \$200.

Negotiations were revived in March, 1976, when Mr Dipple had called on Mr Sherbrooke bringing the £200. On March 22, 1976, a letter was written to the Dipples saying that Miss Baines was pre-

ted in a total charge to first fornia to continue to collect quarter 1980 earnings of \$85m.

Revenue reached \$2,630.19m, against \$2,255.93m.

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pared to proceed with the sale subject to certain conditions. It was said that following that letter an oral contract had been made between Mr Dibble and Mr Sherbwooke when Mr Dibble had agreed to the conditions. The judge had thought that there was a concluded contract. He had found that there was a concluded contract. He had found that there was a contract to sell for the price of £200.

But the opening letter of January 22, 1975, had been an offer wabject to contract and those words carried all the way through the negotiations. In Teranan v. Norman Brett jBuilders; Ltd. (1972) 223 Estates Gazette 1946) Mr Justice Brightman said that parties could get rid of the qualification of "subject to contract" only if they both expressly agreed that it should be expunged or if such an agreement was to be necessarily implied.".

plied".

The judge had been in error in finding that there was a contract when there was none. The Dibbles now had accommodation in a council house. The judge had visited the site and found that it had been turned into "a regular dump". It would be very detrimental to have a dump at the end of the garden of Knoli Cottage. The appeal should be allowed.

LORD JUSTICE TEMPLEMAN, agreeing, said that at the start of the negotiations, in the letter of

ants had relied upon the break in the negodations and the new letter of March 22, 1976. But that letter did not contain an open offer. It was a letter continuing the negodations "under the um-brella of the subject to convect."

brella of the 'subject to contract' formula', as Mr Justice Brightman had nut it. There was very good reason for the 'subject to contract' formula, which enabled one to say whether there was a contract or not.

Lord Justice Watkins agreed.

An order for possession in 14 days was made with mesne profits since March 15, 1977, the date of the plaintiff's claim. An order for £100 costs was made against the defendants, the plaintiffs to have the blaince of their costs in the Court of Appeal against the Legal Aid Fund unless representations were made within 10 weeks.

Solicitors: Gregory, Rowcliffe & Solicitors: Gregory, Rowcliffe & Co for Slade & Co, Swanage; Roche. Son & Neale for J. M. E. Turner & Co, Wimborne.

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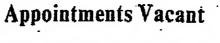
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1.00 Pebble MBt at One: Nostalgia edition. Alan Jones, tather of Jack, and star of Hollywood musicals of the 1930s (A Night at the Opera, The Firefly, etc.) proves he can still sing. Also, an item about the famous film-making family, the Korda.

1.45 Mr Benn: Ray Brooks tells the story of Mr Benn and the Cook, by David McKee (r). Close down at 2.00.

3.55 Play School; Christopher Walker's story The New Blue Umbrella. 4.20 The All New Popeye Show: the veteran sailor in more cartoon fun; 4.40 Graham's Gang: children's verial. Mildred gives a parry; 5.05 John Craven's News-round: junior newsreel; 5.10 Blue

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hard of hearing.
7.30 Newsweek: Zimbabwe—Never in a Thousand Years: The flag of independence will be roused in Salisbury tonight. This programme looks back at how this astonishing

9.30 am Baiti : A documentary (r) ; 9.55 Spiderman : Cartoon (r) ; 19.15 Canada : The Canadian-

shield area; an award-winning film (r); 11.05 Boney: Murder of a farmer on a ratiway crossing; with Google Withers (r): 11.55 The Bubbleis: at the seaside; 12.00 Gammon and Spinach; Roy Kinnear tells two or Gumpy stories;

12.10 pm Stepping Stones: easy learning for young viewers; 12.30 The Sullivans: serial about an Australian family.

1.00 News. 12.20 Thames News.

1.30 Together: Life in a block of flats. Leslie Shepberd is in trouble

at work. 2.00 After Noon Plus : Brightening

3.45 Looks Familiar : Down show business Memory Lane, with Stan-

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7.25 Top of the Pops: Jimmy Savile is the presenter. 8.05 Taxi: New comedy series about a New York taxi company. A huge success on American television. But will it travel well? sion, But will it travel well?

8.30 James Burke: The Real
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9.00 News: with Kenneth Kendall.

9.25 Play for Today: The Executioner. Drama. by Lionel Goldstein, about a Venice-bound tourist
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8.05 In the Making : Robert Bates

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about sheepdog trials, introduced
by Phil Drabble and Eric Halsall.
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pionships.

9.00 A Question of Guilt: Final instalment of the extraordinary tale of Constance Kent, released from a charge of murdering her half-brother, and now an "outsider" in a religious community in Brighton. Starring Prue Clarke as Constance.

and Deborah Norton.

10.45 Question Time: Robin Day's questions and discussion show. His panel tonight consist of Sir John Methven, Director-General of the CB1; train drivers' leader Ray Buckton; comprehensive school headmistress Margaret Moden, and Jock Bruze-Gardyne, MP. 11.42 The Sky at Night: Patrick Moore visits the multi-mirror rele-scope (six, all told) at the summit of Mount Hopkins in Arizona. It is the third most powerful telescope ever built. 12.10 am Weather.

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9.30 Man Alive : Battle of Braefoot Bay. The plans of Esso and Shell to store, as liquid, the gas that is normally hurnt off above the North Sea oil rign—and the local people who see the scheme as a threat to their lives, An investigation into official safety studies. official safety studies.

10.45 Newsnight: Live broadcast from Salisbury as the Union Jack is lowered for the last nme. Peter Snow reports on the historic occa-sion (see Personal Choice).

11.30 Work and Leisure: Final lecture in this series. It is given by Professor A. H. Halsey, Professor of Social Studies at the University of Oxford, Ends at 12.00.

ley Holloway, Jessie Matthews and Arthur Schwartz, Denis Norden is the escort.

4.15 Little House on the Prairie: an adoption runs into father trouble; 5.15 Selwyn: knockabout comedy with Bill Maynard at a holiday camp.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames News. 6.25 Help! Of special interest to sufferers from Myasthenia Gravis, the disease that affects the muscles. 6.35 Film: Please Sir (1971). Screen version of the nopular tele-vision series about Fenn Street School, retaining most of the origischool, rezaming most of the origi-nal stars including John Alderton, Deryck Guyler, Joan Sanderson and Eric Chity, Goodish entertain-ing at the undermanding level.

8.50 : TV Eye : The growing conflict between America and Iran. Should Europe support President Carter's sanctions? Euro-MPs are Interviewed. Also, an inquiry into whether the west really needs tradian anhansador in London is interviewed.

2.00 After Noon Pies: Brightening up the boring bits of London, including South Kensington Underground station. Also, the life and times of Sir Freddle Laker, the cheap air fares pioneer.

2.25 Racing from Newmarket: We see the 2.30 Crown Pies Two Apprentice Championship, the 3.00 Ladbrokes Boldhoy Sprint Handicap and the 3.30 Ladbrokes Nell Gwyn Stakes. 9.00 The Nesbitts are Coming : New comedy series, with original songs, about an illnerant (amily of petty crooks, Starring Maggie

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Jones. Clive Swift and Deirdre Costello (see Personal Choice). 9.30 Shelley: The comedy series returns. Hywel Bennett is the educated layabout. His girl friend (Belinda Sinclair) is expecting their baby and all is still not well on the prospective father-in-law front.

10.00 News.

10.30 Thames Report: The Casino War. Playboy rules the roost in London, but some of the rival companies are challenging that dominance. Martin Short reports on the allegations being levelled against Playboy whose boss, victor Lownes, is trying to clean up London's casinos.

11.00 Lou Grant: Newspaper drams. Should the victims' names be published when there is a fire in a bar for homosexuals? Edward

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11.05 File on 4. 11.56 A Certain Style. 11.50 A Certain Style.
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10.20 Town: A week with the players of the Workington Rugby League Club, and a study of the community whose fortunes reflect those of the club. 12,00 News. 12,15 am-12,23 Weather. VHF 6.50 am Regional news, weather. 7.50 Regional news, weather. 5.50 pm Regional news, weather. 11.00 Study on 4: Over to Youth

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7.05 Records: Vivaldi, Satie, d'Indy, Haydn (Sym 69).†
8.00 News.
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7.30 Play: Possibilities, by
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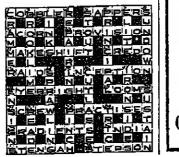
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